Recognized Authority on Connellsville Coke Trade.

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Prices and Prospects.

COKE OPERATORS' PRICE POSITION SHOWS NO SIGNS OF WEAKENING

Really Stronger Than it Was Expected to Be at This Time.

DEMAND FOR SPOT COKE LIGHT

Furnaces Preferring to Peg Along by Other Expedients Than Paying Fancy Prices; Little Tonnage to be Had Below $3.75; Market Inactive.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, March 1.—While occasionally a consumer manifests an interest in furnace coke for forward delivery the total of such business coming up is very small, and it is evident that the furnaces in blast are well provided with contracts, while it is recognized that there are scarcely any idle furnaces that can be blown in. Conditions in the pig iron market are not such as to encourage the highest cost furnaces to get into blast while all the low and medium cost furnaces are already in operation.

While the call for contract coke is very small the position of the operators is not one of weakening in price by any means. As a matter of fact they are much stronger on the first day of March, than the majority had any idea, a few months ago, they would be on this date. It will be recalled that the contracts for the half year were made chiefly at a range of $2.35 to $2.50. These figures represented an average of what coke was expected to be worth during the six months, on the basis of high prices in the first two months, due to winter conditions, car shortages, etc., and lower prices in March and April and presumably a still easier condition in May and June, by which time a very considerable increase was expected in the by-product coke market. For an operator to quote $2.50 on contract coke, shipment March to June inclusive, represents really a much stiffer price than $2.50 for the whole six months, by reason of the period having passed in which the highest prices were expected.

Cars are still short more or less regularly and there is no sign of an early general improvement in the situation, even though there is not likely to be a great deal of really bad weather. All operators are having more or less difficulty in keeping their contract shipments up to requirements, and on the whole are receiving fewer complaints than would have been expected under the circumstances. The demand for spot coke is light, and furnaces are either receiving substantially all the coke they can use, or are content to peg along with what they do get, rather than pay anything like fancy prices for spot coke. There have been sales of spot coke in the past few days at $3.75, but it is difficult to obtain that figure, while on the other hand it would be difficult to buy any considerable tonnage at any price. We quote the market as follows, though the figures are partly nominal, there being so little action in the market:

Spot furnace	$3.50@$3.75
Contract furnace to July 1	$2.35@$2.50
Contract furnace to Jan. 1	$2.25@$2.35
Spot foundry	$3.75@$4.25
Contract foundry	$3.25@$3.75

The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company has bought 5,000 tons of Bessemer in addition to the 20,000 tons reported a week ago, paying the same price, $20, Valley furnaces. Some odd lots of 1,000 and 2,000 tons have been sold at $20.50, Valley, for more extended delivery. Basic iron has become stronger, and is quotable at $18, Valley, as minimum, or 25 cents above the quotation recently ruling.

The local pig iron market has not responded to any extent to the general buying movement in pig iron predicted of late on the basis that some of the large steel interests have bought fairly large blocks of basic iron. There has, however, been decidedly more activity in Southern pig iron, and the Southern market is up 50 cents to a basis of $15, Birmingham, the level from which it declined a few weeks ago. The local market is quotable as follows:

Bessemer	$20.00@$20.50
Basic	$18.00
Malleable	$18.00@$18.50
No. 2 Foundry	$18.50
Forge	$18.00

These prices are f. o. b., Valley furnaces, prices delivered Pittsburg being higher by the 95-cent freight.

SOUTHERN COKE TRADE

Prices Stiffen in Virginia Field and Advance 25c in Alabama.

Prices of contract foundry coke from the Pocahontas, New River and Wise county districts are stiffening, and may be advanced says The Daily Iron Trade. Spot furnace coke is selling at a premium, and contract furnace grade quotations are also strong, fuel being scarce in certain districts, as furnaces are asking for shipments faster than specified in their contracts. Wise county furnace grades are given at $2.85@$3.10, ovens, Pocahontas furnace $2.75@$4, and Wise county foundry $3.75@$4.

The Alabama coke market is exceedingly active for foundry furnace, smelter and gas coke. There has been an advance of 25 cents a ton in foundry coke, putting that product on firm basis of $4 a ton at the ovens for prompt or contract business.

FREIGHT RATES.

The rates on coal and coke from the Connellsville district, which includes what is officially known as the Connellsville region (sometimes called the Basin district) and the Lower Connellsville region (often called the Klondike and sometimes the Masontown district) to principal points of shipment, are as follows. Gross rates of 2240 pounds are designated thus (*) while all other rates are per net ton of 2000 pounds:

Destination.	Coke.	Coal.
Baltimore	$1.80	*$1.85
Buffalo	1.85	1.40
Canton	1.30	1.10
Chicago	2.50	2.05
Cleveland	1.60	1.15
Columbus	1.65	1.15
Detroit	2.10	1.55
E. St. Louis	2.80	2.50
Erie	1.65	1.15
Harrisburg	1.70	*1.55
Joliet	2.50	2.05
Louisville	2.50	2.05
Milwaukee	2.85	2.65
New York	2.85	*2.20
Philadelphia	2.05	*1.85
Pittsburg	.75	*.59
Port Henry, N. Y.	2.80	*3.15
Pottstown	1.95	*1.75
Reading	1.85	*1.75
Richmond, Va.	2.91	*2.60
South Bethlehem	2.00	*1.95
Swedeland, Pa.	2.00	*1.80
Toledo, O.	1.85	1.40
Wheeling	1.20	.85
Valley Points	1.20	.85

The rate on coal from Washington Run, Fluleville, Scott Haven and West Side Belt districts per net ton to western points is 15 cents less than the above rates.

NO EVIDENCE APPEARS OF ANY ABATEMENT IN STEEL

Market Situation Appears Stronger Week by Week; Delivery Prospects Cause Most Alarm.

(Special to The Weekly Courier.)

NEW YORK, March 1.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and iron trade tomorrow as follows.

Welded steel tubular goods generally are advanced under date of February 29th $2 to $4 a ton, black steel pipe being up one point and galvanized two points. Black steel pipe advanced three points last year and has advanced four points thus far this year.

The leading sheet interest has advanced its prices $2 a ton on blue annealed, $3 a ton on box annealed and even more on some specialties, even though it is far from certain the independents will all follow the advance in the immediate future.

It is possible the $5 a ton advance made in bars, plates and shapes ten days ago will not hold the market long, as the mills are still offered more tonnage than they care to accept. Recent car orders show that the railroads will buy cars even when plates are on the basis of 2.10c, and there is considerable inquiry now when the market is 2.35c minimum. Plates are not sold at under the market for cars, and options are held open only a few days.

No evidence appears of any abatement of strength in the steel market, the market situation indeed appearing stronger week by week. The demand appears to be so much in excess of the prospective supply, particularly with spring near at hand, invariably involving greater consumption of steel, other things being equal, that there could be very considerable curtailment in consumption in some directions, owing to high prices, without the actual buying dropping to a level below the productive capacity. At the same time it is hard for most observers to believe that the steel market is to continue indefinitely, or even until the end of this year, at its present high tension. The only possibility of weakening, however, lies in the chance that buyers may now be overrating their prospective requirements. They appear to be greatly alarmed over delivery prospects in the second half of the year. The mills insist that they are making adequate shipments for practically all their customers, except where prevented by railroad embargoes.

LIGHTING MORE FURNACES

The Carnegie Steel Company to Blow in Mingo; 53 Out of 59 Now Active.

The Carnegie Steel Company will blow in No. 1 furnace at Mingo Junction, O., to the active list within a week or two, also the isolated stacks at Steubenville and Zanesville. The company now has 53 out of 59 furnaces in blast.

The Thomas Iron Company will blow in its second Alburtis, Pa., blast furnace about the middle of March. This will place five stacks in operation, the others being two Hokendauqua, one Alburtis and one Hellertown. Another Hellertown, Pa., furnace may be started later.

The second new blast furnace stack of the Minnesota Steel Company, at Duluth, has been blown in and now is producing pig iron.

Coke Prices Stiff at St. Louis.

The St. Louis correspondent of the Daily Iron Trade reports that the inquiry for coke is better with prices for 72-hour Connellsville and Virginia foundry grades stiff at $4 to $4.50 for spot delivery and at $3.75 to $4 contract. Early delivery coke is held at a premium.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING FEB. 26, 1916.				WEEK ENDING FEB. 19, 1916.			
DISTRICT.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville	21,523	18,512	3,011	239,270	21,523	18,509	3,014	232,682
Lower Connellsville	17,491	15,852	1,639	205,990	17,491	15,728	1,763	185,605
Totals	39,014	34,364	4,650	445,260	39,014	34,237	4,777	418,287
FURNACE OVENS.								
Connellsville	17,395	15,294	2,101	200,208	17,395	15,294	2,101	197,862
Lower Connellsville	5,552	5,040	512	64,990	5,552	5,040	512	61,940
Totals	22,947	20,334	2,613	265,190	22,947	20,334	2,613	259,802
MERCHANT OVENS.								
Connellsville	4,128	3,218	910	39,070	4,128	3,215	913	34,820
Lower Connellsville	11,939	10,812	1,127	141,000	11,939	10,688	1,251	123,665
Totals	16,067	14,030	2,037	180,070	16,067	13,903	2,164	158,485

SHIPMENTS.	WEEK ENDING FEB. 26, 1916.	WEEK ENDING FEB. 19, 1916.
To Pittsburg	4,729 Cars.	3,902 Cars.
To Points West of Pittsburg	6,394 Cars.	5,616 Cars.
To Points East of the Region	1,671 Cars.	1,174 Cars.
Totals	12,794 Cars.	10,902 Cars.

A CHANGE IN FORM OF COKE CONTRACTS IS NOW PROPOSED

The Existing Device is Antiquated and Has Become Unwieldy.

DOES NOT MEET CONDITIONS

Should be Drawn for a Definite Tonnage Based on Requirements Which the Consumer Should Know With a Reasonable Degree of Certainty.

The suggestion to change the method of contracting for the sale of coke may have a certain timeliness but under conditions such as now prevail there is not wanting evidences of more concern on part of buyers than on part of sellers for a revision. The sliding scale coke contract has certain inflexibility and other disadvantages, but these militate against the producer quite as frequently as they do against the consumer.

In theory the sliding scale presents a fair and equitable method of determining the price of coke to the consumer in that the ratio between cost of coke and the selling price of pig iron remains practically constant, within reasonable and ordinary market ranges. In actual practice when due regard is had by both parties for the sacredness of contracts, the operation of the sliding scale, while not ideal, comes to a close approximation of a just and equitable method. In abnormal markets there is no trading device that can be made so elastic that every violent change or unusual condition will be automatically conformed to quickly or precisely.

While nothing indicating the concrete form of the proposed revision in contracts has been advanced, The Daily Iron Trade outlines the furnacemen's position on the proposition thus:

"Present coke trade conditions have called attention to the unwieldy form of coke contract now in use. It is simply the result of a trade condition that has grown up through many years, and when the test is applied it breaks down through no fault but its own. The custom of buying coke obligates the producer to contract for the requirements of the user, based upon the latter's normal consumption. Figures for preceding years are taken and a fair average for normal times is obtained. Upon this basis the coke producer sells approximately 80% of his probable output, leaving a margin for added demand. In conditions like the present it comes to pass that former requirements are useless as a guide, and practically all consumers are in need of much more than usual. As a result it is a physical impossibility to fill all demands, yet the contract speaks for itself and is not limited, except by custom, which is no limitation at all.

"Many coke dealers are of the opinion a prompt revision of the form of contract would be to the interest of buyer and seller. It is proposed to have coke sold on the basis of tonnage, as pig iron is sold, and thus the buyer and seller would have something definite upon which to operate; and for additional tonnage required by business demand, the buyer would go into the market a second time and the seller would be relieved for any supply in excess of the contract. As it is at present, both buyer and seller are embarrassed by the situation, and ill feeling is likely to result from something in which neither is at fault, but which arises from a seemingly wrong trade custom."

Coke contracts are antiquated in form. They should be drawn for a tonnage definite and certain. There is no reason why the consumer should not know how much coke he is going to use during the period of six months or a year. He does know. What he does not always know is whether he is going to operate his furnace that long. But we imagine a clause permitting him to cancel his agreement on reasonable notice because of the closing down of his furnace or furnaces would find no serious objection among coke manufacturers.

In their anxiety to sell coke Connellsville operators have undoubtedly permitted consumers to insert some extraordinary terms in the contracts.

COKE LABOR SUPPLY BECOMING A QUESTION

That Threatens Embarrassment of Operations in the Spring When Men Seek Outside Work.

The statement that a decided shortage of labor is to be expected in the coke region in the spring is not altogether a matter of news to many operators. That there has been a deficient supply for some months is a fact with which practically every plant manager has been more or less distressingly familiar, sometimes to his sorrow and cost, and always to his disadvantage and inconvenience. But that the present scarcity of men is the precursor of much more acute conditions that will shortly confront all employers is a matter that ought to compel very grave concern among coke producers.

During several months past coke plants have been equipped with about enough men, when all are working, to properly operate the plants. But having been long and steadily employed at high wages, men have developed an indisposition to work full time. This lack of industry, which the operators have been powerless to correct, has resulted in permanently reducing the effective working forces to the degree that it has become a serious handicap in the operation of the region.

As spring approaches a further curtailment in the available supply of coke plant labor can be expected through the shifting to outside employment of those whose habit it is to work in the mines in the winter months only. In normal times the defection of the latter element would not be noticeable. Now that labor is so fully employed everywhere and the source from which its forces are recruited can no longer be drawn upon the situation, from the employers' standpoint, is assuming an alarming aspect. It is a realization of the full significance of this situation that has prompted an employer of long experience to ask, through the columns of The Courier, "Where are the men to come from?"

We doubt very much if at this moment there be any bold or wise enough to give answer to the question. In the earlier history of the coke region labor shortages were never of long duration and none are recorded as having occurred under circumstances such as are of world-wide prevalence today. When Southern Europe began sending its hordes to our hospitable shores, addition to their number, as the demands of our industries required, was the matter of a relatively short time. Conditions are vastly different now. Europe is aflame with war and immigration has virtually ceased. Even were the war to come to an end tomorrow the disbanded armies would be forced into the labor of rehabilitating the industries of their countries instead of being permitted to leave the lands they have helped to devastate. Prophets of our own industrial future predict that, whether the war continues or ceases, an era of prosperity will be entered upon such as will afford employment to every man able or willing to work.

COKE SHORTAGE ACUTE.

In Chicago Where Consumers are Asking for Heavier Shipments.

The shortage of coke at Chicago is fast approaching the acute stage. Consumers are asking for more coke than their normal requirements which producers are finding it difficult to fill.

There are numerous instances where foundry operations have been curtailed to fit the coke supply and in other cases complete shutdown has been averted by the narrowest margin. Relief does not appear to be in sight and unusual efforts are being made to distribute available supplies so as to keep plants running at least on part time, rather than shut down.

PITTSBURG RATES ON COAL SHIPPED FROM COKE REGION

May Result From Proceedings on the Complaint of W. Harry Brown.

A PRECEDENT IN BESCO CASE

Present Boundaries of Pittsburg District Established Without Rule or Reason and Designated Grotesque by Interstate Commerce Commission.

It is difficult for any but a railroad traffic official to understand why that neutral zone of freight territory lying between the so-called Pittsburg and Fairmont freight districts is not entitled to the rates which prevail in these arbitrarily defined territories.

While the Pittsburg district was presumed to have been defined by a circle described by a 40-mile radius on the city of Pittsburg as a center, as actually established it forms a figure that has little resemblance to a circle. With kinks, bends, sharply projecting points and deep indentations the boundaries meander in and out over Western Pennsylvania without rule or reason, at some points extending beyond the theoretical limits of the district and at others, possibly on the opposite bank of a stream, falling far short of it.

It is this vagueness of outline that moved the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Clyde Coal Company's case to observe that in forming the Pittsburg district the carriers followed no hard and fast rule. They have taken in mines more distant from Pittsburg than the Clyde and the contour of the district has been materially changed so as to include certain mines and exclude others. The boundary line suggests arbitrariness or grotesqueness for which the mind instinctively seeks an explanation and justification."

But it is less a question of irregularity in boundary than a question of right and equity that coal operators whose mines are in the immediate vicinity of the established limits of the district have made complaints to the Interstate Commerce Commission of unjust discrimination. About a month ago a decision was rendered which extended the Pittsburg district to the Besco mine at Millsboro, Washington county, several miles south of Brownsville. Now W. Harry Brown has taken action alleging discrimination against shipments from his Alicia mine, several miles nearer Brownsville than Besco, on the Fayette county bank of the Monongahela river, and within a relatively short distance from a mine which already enjoys the advantage of the Pittsburg rate to the detriment of its nearest neighboring mine.

While the Besco decision forms a precedent to a certain degree, there is no assurance that a decision in the Alicia case will also extend the Pittsburg rate that mine. If it does there will doubtless be little delay on part of other operators in the Lower Connellsville district in filing appeals for the general application of the rate to their mines, a right to which they are reasonably, justly and equitably entitled.

The Connellsville coke operators have hitherto taken little interest in the rates on coal from this district for the reason that practically all their coal has been manufactured into coke and has gone out of the region in that form under the coke tariffs, but the appearance of the by-product oven demand for coal which it is becoming apparent will in a considerable degree be furnished from this region the matter of freight rates on coal becomes of lively interest, and the discrimination of 15 cents per ton in favor of the Pittsburg district against the Connellsville region becomes of much importance.

Coke Firm at Buffalo.

The car shortage is holding coke prices firm in the Buffalo market.

Production and Output.

COKE SHIPMENTS SET A RECORD IN FACE OF SHORTAGE OF CARS

COKE REVIEW.

The Connellsville coke trade distinguished itself last week for a record shipment in coke in the face of a pronounced shortage of cars during the opening of the week. Shipments aggregated approximately 458,000 tons, including 13,000 tons of stock, most of which had been accumulated at the furnace plants for some time past, was sent out. Production was estimated at 445,000 tons.

Conditions this week are better as to production and shipments and the operators are hopeful that better conditions will come to the Connellsville coke trade out of the tangle of freight traffic. The coke region has hitherto been so well served under any contingency that the operators find it hard to reconcile themselves to the annoyance of uncertain deliveries and car supply.

The records of the year to date indicate some stock still on the yards, but it is chiefly at the furnace plants, which make the practise of stocking some coke against contingencies. Most of the stock will be moved as car supply improves. Production has been irregular during the year so far, due in the beginning to the inability of the operators to get men to work for them and later to their inability to secure cars in which to move the product.

The region is marking up a schedule of six days a week and doing its level best to run at that gait. If the schedule fails it is the fault of the workmen or the railroads.

Some 13,000 Tons of Stock Sent Out, Chiefly by Furnace Plants.

HOPE FOR BETTER MOVEMENT

Trade Has Hitherto Been Well Served Under Any Contingency and It Seems Odd to Have to Submit to Annoyance of Uncertain Deliveries.

The Connellsville coke trade distinguished itself last week for a record shipment of coke in spite of a pronounced shortage of cars during the opening days of the week. After that the operators began to receive 100% car installments, and upon the strength of this supply some 13,000 tons of stock coke was sent out, chiefly by the furnace plants which have been stocking up for weeks instead of curtailing as do merchant operators. The total shipments for the week aggregated approximately 458,000 tons, while production is estimated at 445,000 tons. The largest weekly shipment of the year was 442,000 tons, so that this is an increase of 15,000 tons. But it will be recalled that shipments last week fell down to 394,000 tons, or nearly 64,000 tons less, and while no complaints were made of furnaces being obliged to shut down it is imagined that most of them were glad to see the coke come in again and to take an extra supply. Conditions this week are much better as to production and shipments, and it is hoped that better conditions will come to the Connellsville coke trade out of this tangle of freight traffic. The coke trade has hitherto been well served under any contingency, and it seems rather odd and undistinguished to have to submit to the annoyance and inconvenience of uncertain coke deliveries after having been so long served so much better.

The record of production and shipment for the year 1916 to date indicates some stock coke on the yards, but it is chiefly at furnace plants and will be largely removed when cars are provided. The record of production has followed that of output very closely, but the record of production has been very irregular. This has been due in the beginning to the inability of the operators to get men to work for them, and later by their inability to get cars to move the product of the men they did succeed in employing at their ovens and in their mines. The record of production and shipments for 1916 is as follows:

Week.	Fur.	Mer.	Total.	Ship.
Jan. 1	219,412	160,366	379,778	345,573
Jan. 8	251,294	178,674	429,968	431,644
Jan. 15	248,594	171,927	420,521	410,189
Jan. 22	242,514	158,292	400,806	382,114
Jan. 29	255,576	187,040	442,616	442,598
Feb. 5	251,487	181,695	433,182	420,686
Feb. 12	263,781	177,528	441,309	432,456
Feb. 19	259,802	158,485	417,287	394,190
Feb. 26	265,190	180,070	445,260	457,838

Production for the week ending Saturday, February 26th, aggregated 445,260 tons of which the merchant operators made 180,070 tons and the furnace operators 265,190 tons. By districts, the Connellsville region produced 239,270 tons and the Lower Connellsville region 205,990 tons. Compared with the previous week this shows a gain for the merchant operators in production of 24,585 tons and of the furnace operators of 5,388 tons. The merchant operators, who were obliged to cut production very short the previous week and burn some coke more than one day before taking it from the ovens were able to work with better freedom and produce with less restriction. The furnace interest had been producing closer to their capacity.

Shipments for the week ending Saturday, February 26th, aggregated 12,794 cars carrying 457,838 tons consigned as follows:

Districts.	Cars.	Tons.
Pittsburg district	4,729	166,573
Western points	6,394	234,706
Eastern points	1,671	56,559

Compared with the previous week this shows a decided increase all along the line. Pittsburg shipments are 29,196 tons heavier due to increased consignments to the furnace interests there. Western shipments are 25,079 tons greater, but this is a large district. Eastern shipments, on the other hand, always curtailed, show one of the best records of the year and an increase over the previous week of 6,079 tons.

There is little to say concerning operations. The coke region is marking up a schedule of six days per week for itself and doing it level best to run at that gait. If the schedule fails it is the fault of the workmen or the railroads, and not of the willing producers and consumers. In the meantime, under all these discouraging conditions, capacity continues to be increased. There are now in operation 88.6% of the furnace ovens, 87.3% of the merchant ovens and 88% of the ovens of the region as a whole. Last week 146 ovens were fired up and 19 dropped out, making a total increase of 127 ovens. The principal plant fired was Sterling, 110 ovens. The others were unimportant.

Cause of Western Car Shortage.

The principal cause for the increased shortage of cars in the west arises from the strenuous efforts of coal shippers and users to accumulate sufficient supply to tide over the threatening strike period.

THE UPPER CONNELLSVILLE AND GREENSBURG REGIONS

They Have a Good Week, But Philadelphia Embargo Will Curtail Some of the Shipments.

The Upper Connellsville and Greensburg Connellsville districts had a good week last week. Shipments aggregated 46,352 tons, the record best week of the current year. The ovens were operated to better efficiency than usual, due largely to a disposition of the men to put in as much time as possible. Conditions are not so good this week. Some plants failed to get all their ovens drawn on Monday because the men did not turn out in force.

The embargo against shipments to Philadelphia caused some annoyance. The districts ship quite a substantial tonnage of foundry coke, and quite a bit of crushed coke, into Philadelphia.

Some operators are getting deliveries through over the Philadelphia & Reading, but the Pennsylvania has placed an absolute ban against shipments for city delivery.

Car supply continues fair and rather uncertain. There is no improvement in the coal car supply. The coal market is not in as good shape as that for coke where demand is brisk.

Shipments from the two regions for the week ending Saturday, February 26, are shown in the following tabulation:

District	East	West	Total
Upper Conn	10,010	19,121	29,131
Greensburg	8,797	8,124	16,921
Total	18,807	27,545	46,352

The following tabulation shows the output of these districts by weeks in tons of 2,000 pounds for 1916 to date:

Week Ending	Upper C'ville	Greens'bg C'ville	Total Ton.
Jan 8	19,372	18,340	37,712
Jan 15	27,101	18,912	44,016
Jan 22	19,460	16,988	36,448
Jan 29	23,159	19,119	42,278
Feb 5	23,711	19,568	43,279
Feb. 12	26,127	22,079	48,206
Feb 19	24,341	19,002	43,343
Feb. 26	29,431	16,921	46,352

The output of the Upper Connellsville and Greensburg Connellsville regions for 1916 was consigned by weeks and tons of 2,000 pounds as follows:

Week.	East.	West.	Total.
Jan. 8	13,594	24,118	37,712
Jan 15	17,689	26,327	44,016
Jan. 22	17,611	18,837	36,448
Jan. 29	11,434	22,844	42,278
Feb. 5	19,719	23,560	43,279
Feb. 12	22,350	25,856	48,206
Feb. 19	19,698	23,645	43,343
Feb. 26	18,807	27,545	46,352

For the purposes of comparison, the average weekly shipments out of these regions for quarters during 1915 follow:

Quarter.	East.	West.	Total.
First	15,529	18,681	34,210
Second	14,215	22,247	36,462
Third	17,286	25,856	43,142
Fourth	18,491	22,811	41,300

FIND LOST COAL.

Forty Acres of the "Big Vein" is Discovered at Mount Savage.

Interest has been aroused throughout the Georges Creek mining regions over the discovery of about 40 acres of big vein coal at Mount Savage, Md. The tract will yield, it is estimated, between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 tons of coal.

The discovery will mean new life to Mount Savage, as the impression was general that the big vein had been worked out in the territory. The development of the tract means about twenty years work for 400 or 500 miners. The coal is under lease by T. Garland Tinsley of Baltimore, who will start immediate development.

Will Not Allow Reconsigning.

The Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads have issued notice to coal shippers that they will refuse to accept reconsignments of coal cars shipped on a through rate.

THE 2ND INSPECTION DISTRICT MAKES A GOOD 1915 RECORD

Both in Production and in a Low Mine Fatality Average.

JAMISON CO. A BIG PRODUCER

Of Both Coal and Coke Followed Closely by Keystone Coal & Coke and Latrobe-Connellsville Companies, Output of Other Operators.

The report of C B Ross of Latrobe inspector of the Second bituminous district which embraces 5_ mines in Westmoreland county shows that 7 6?7 236 tons of coal were mined in the district during 1915 Of this output 6 2?1 084 tons were produced by pick mining 1 178 194 by electrical machines and _14 160 by compressed air machines In the manufacture of coke 3 112 301 tons of coal were used producing 2 018 108 tons or an average yield of 61 2% of coke The shipments to market were [illegible] tons of raw coal The largest producer of the district was the Jamison Coal & Coke Company which mined 1 7?8 970 tons The Keystone Coal & Coke Company was second in tonnage having produced 7_5 930 tons

There are 16 fatal accidents inside and out or an average of one to every 479 827 tons mined Careful attention to the rules and requirements of safety resulted in this unusually low fatality record

The coal and coke production by operating companies was as follows

Jamison Coal & Coke Company tons of coal 1758970 coke [illegible]

Keystone Coal & Coke Company tons of coal 7_39 0 coke [illegible]

Latrobe Connellsville Coal & Coke Company tons of coal 7__?38 coke [illegible]

Hostetter Connellsville Coke Company tons of coal [illegible] coke 415 870

H C Frick Coke Company tons of coal [illegible] coke [illegible]

New Alexandria Coke Company tons of coal 4_ 821

The Shenango Furnace Company tons of coal ?17 81_ coke _9 [illegible]

Atlantic Crushed Coke Company tons of coal 317 193 coke [illegible]

Latrobe Coal Company tons of coal 11291 coke 90.8?

Loyal Hanna Coal & Coke Company tons of coal [illegible]

Ligonier Diamond Coal & Coke Company tons of coal 195 [illegible]

Greensburg Connellsville Coal & Coke Company tons of coal 188[illegible] coke 40 19?

Donohoe Coke Company tons of coal 191 147 coke 79 080

Mount Pleasant Coke Company tons of coal 111 ?71 coke ?0870

Westmoreland Connellsville Coal & Coke Company tons of coal [illegible] coke 31_09

Ligonier Coal Company tons of coal 1? [illegible]

Saint Clair Coal Company tons of coal 1_(18

Bradenville Coal & Coke Company tons of coal 110 08 coke 11[illegible]

Unity Coal Company tons of coal 99 401

Unity Connellsville Coke Company tons of coal 18 88[illegible] coke 7 1??

E A Humphries Coal & Coke Company tons of coal [illegible] coke [illegible]

Ramsey Coal Company Inc tons of coal 31 129

Westmoreland Coal & Coke Company tons of coal 23 1?7

South Ligonier Coal Company tons of coal __9 4

Whyel Coke Company tons of coal 10 319 coke [illegible]

W F Brown & Company tons of coal 9 10?

South Fayette Coke Company tons of coal ?16_ coke [illegible]

Marietta Connellsville Coke Company tons of coal [illegible]

Connellsville Coke & Fuel Company tons of coal 848 coke 40_

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Of the Coal Lands of Sunshine Coal & Coke Company

The Fayette Title & Trust Company of Uniontown trustee under the mortgages given by the Sunshine Coal & Coke Company will sell at public auction on March 18 the coal underlying the David M Johnson and Elizabeth M Honsaker tracts in Nicholson township

The acreage totals 8? The sale is made in pursuance of order of court and to satisfy the underlying purchase money mortgages amounting to $1 410 50 given by Francis Rocks original purchaser of the tracts

BIG DECREASE IN FATAL MINE ACCIDENTS IN 1915

In All Districts of the United States Lowest Fatality Rate Per 1 000 Employes Since 1898

The returns received by the Bureau of Mines Department of the Interior from the state mine inspectors show a gratifying decrease in the number of fatalities occurring in and about the coal mines in the United States during 1915 The number of fatalities reported during the year was 2 26? as compared with 2 4?? in 1914 and 2 78? in 1913 The actual number killed during 1915 was the lowest for any year since 1906 when there were 2 138 fatalities reported The fatality rate per 1 000 men employed for 1915 [illegible] with [illegible] in 1914 and 3 73 in 1913 The rate for 1915 is the lowest since 1898 during which [illegible]

According to the United States Geological Survey the production of coal for 1915 was [illegible] tons so that the fatality rate based on the production of coal for the year represents one death for each [illegible] tons of coal produced which is the largest production per fatality in the history of coal mining in the United States The previous figure which most nearly equals this was in 1912 when the production of coal [illegible] amounted to [illegible] tons

During 1915 there were 11 mine disasters (the same as in 1914) in which 5 or more men were killed The number of men killed in such disasters in 1915 was 2?2 as compared with [illegible] in 1914 a reduction of [illegible] per cent The principal decreases in fatalities are in falls of roof haulage gas explosions and shaft accidents The states showing the largest decrease in fatalities during the year are as follows Alabama Colorado Illinois Kansas Maryland Oklahoma West Virginia and Wyoming

While it is not possible to attribute this reduction to any one of the many agencies striving to reduce mine accidents each deserves credit for the part it has taken in the work The saving of lives has been the result of closer and more careful inspection of the state inspectors better enforcement of laws and regulations by the operators the miners realization of the dangers attending his daily work and his efforts to reduce [illegible] due to the educational campaign conducted in his behalf the more general use of safety lamps [illegible] mines [illegible] humidifying [illegible] mines [illegible] which saves lives that might [illegible] wise be lost by reason of injuries received the enactment of industrial accident compensation laws and last but not least the spirit of co-operation on the part of all concerned

LARGE MINES SAFER

Chief Roderick Says They Make Better Provision Against Accidents

In the forthcoming annual report of James E Roderick chief of the Department of Mines will make clear the fact that the large coal companies do better all [illegible] guard their employes than the small operators

In providing against accidents he says the large corporations have a great advantage over the small ones Many of them have specialized in safety methods and give every consideration to the welfare of the workmen The installation of new devices and the changes in the methods of mining today are generally preceded by the statement and interrogation [illegible] pays but is it safe [illegible] is it [illegible] the problem but is it injurious to the employe?

The average number of accidents however remains about the same for both classes of companies The seemingly [illegible] is due to the fact that occasionally a great disaster such as [illegible] explosion of gas and dust that cannot [illegible] against will come to one of the large mines and the record is spoiled Where the specialized effort of the large companies prevails the [illegible] accidents from falls [illegible] and other causes [illegible] continue [illegible] life in all mines

Steel Rail Orders

Railroads have placed additional contracts for standard section rails calling for 200 000 tons and 0 000 tons additional are under negotiations

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LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Feb. 26, 1916

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P O Address
200	200	Acme	W J Rainey	New York N Y
80		Acme	Penn Coke Co	Uniontown
290	261	Adelaide	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
356		Alverton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
307	300	Baggaley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
182	182	Beatty	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
300	250	Bitner	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	60	Boyer	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
240	240	Brinkerton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	211	Buckeye	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
30	30	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt Pleasant
260	244	Calumet	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
32		Carolyn	Peerless Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
301	301	Central	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
150	150	Clare	Clare Coke Co	Greensburg
70	70	Coalbrook	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Collier	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Continental 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
320	320	Continental 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Continental 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	107	Crossland	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
333	333	Davidson	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	28	Dexter	Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
230	136	Dorothy	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	30	Ellen No 1	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
50	38	Ellen No 2	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
100	100	Elizabeth	Unity-Connellsville Coke Co	Greensburg
200	200	Elm Grove	W J Rainey	New York N Y
125	100	Fort Hill	W J Rainey	New York N Y
101	101	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co	Uniontown
124	110	Grace	W J Rainey	New York N Y
272	272	Hecla No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
340	280	Hecla No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Hecla No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
8	8	Helen	Samuel J Lohr	Youngwood
355	355	Hostetter	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
145	145	Humphrey	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
43		Hintown	S[illegible]non Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
38		Johnson	Johnson Fuel Co	Uniontown
250	250	Juniata	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
306	306	Kyle	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
490	477	Leisenring 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
490	150	Leisenring 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
502	464	Leisenring 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
504	304	Leith	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
427	207	Lemont No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
350	350	Lemont No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
20		Little Sunshine	King Coke Co	Uniontown
32	32	Love	C'ville Mutual Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
40		Magee	Magee Coke Co	Uniontown
84		Mahoning	Mahoning Coal & Coke Co	Dunbar
500	477	Mammoth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	100	Marguerite	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
890	476	Mt Braddock	W J Rainey	New York N Y
310	310	Mt Pleasant	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
196	101	Mutual	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
33	33	Myers	Brownfield C'ville Coke Co	Uniontown
8_0	100	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
250	250	Oliphant	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
328	320	Oliver No 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
450	320	Oliver No 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
300	253	Oliver No 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Painter	Newcomer Coke Co	Uniontown
180	180	Paul	W J Rainey	New York N Y
400	400	Phillips	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
96	60	Rainey	W J Rainey	New York N Y
443	4_0	Redstone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
550	518	Revere	W J Rainey	New York N Y
140	140	Rist	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
26		Sapper	S[illegible]non Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
110	110	Semet Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co	Dunbar
38	18	Shirley	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
148	102	Shoaf	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	376	Southwest 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
150	130	Southwest 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
204	204	Southwest 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
903	781	Standard	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
80	80	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co	Uniontown
204		Summit [illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	38	Thomas	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
461	4_0	Trotter	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
350	320	United	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	100	Valley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
80	80	Veteran	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
57	33	West Penn	West Penn Coke Co	Pittsburg
60	60	White	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
352	352	Whitney	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Wynn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	480	Yorkrun	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
546	527	Youngstown	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg

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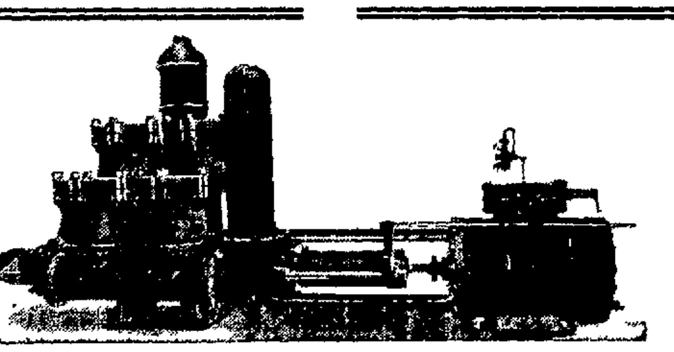

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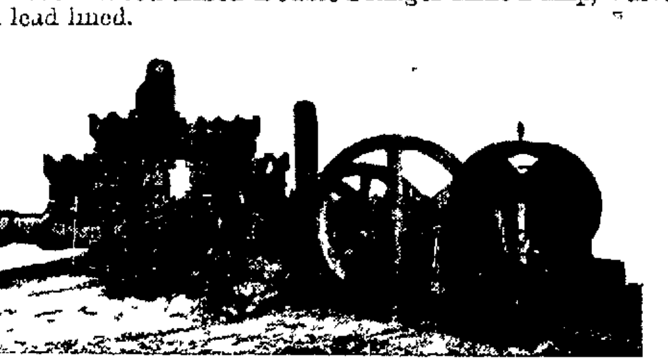

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In Output Capacity, Ore Holdings, Diversity of Products and Fuel Supply; Equipped for Turning Out All Kinds of Steel for Peace or War

The absorption of the Pennsylvania Steel Company and the Maryland Steel Company, a controlled corporation by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, easily places the latter in the lead among the independent steel companies of the United States. A few weeks ago the Midvale Steel & Ordnance Company attained first rank through the acquisition of the properties of the Cambria Steel Company, but it is now surpassed by the latest combination in point of output capacity, ore holdings, diversity of products and reserve coal supplies.

The combined companies will have a total pig iron capacity of approximately 2,600,000 tons and 3,430,000 tons of steel ingot per year. This will be increased 100,000 tons by new open hearth furnaces now in course of construction at the Bethlehem plant. The companies will possess important ore holdings in Cuba, Chile, Pennsylvania and New York and are assured of a good coal supply. They will control ship yards on both the Atlantic and Pacific coast and will be able to build either war or merchant vessels. On February 1 a total of [illegible] vessels were building in these yards.

The Bethlehem Steel Corporation had a wide diversity in its own products. Acquisition of the Pennsylvania Steel Company will broaden the field even further. These will now comprise standard rail sections, special and standard structural shapes, fabricated structural material, hard faced armor, treated forgings, marble ed forgings and castings, guns, gun mounts, special machinery, gas engines, pumps, etc, projectiles, rolled iron, iron and steel bars, stay bolt iron, tool steel bars, drop forgings, frogs, switches, tie plates, manganese steel castings, carbon steel castings, steel floating dry docks, dumping and other special cars and various other products.

The ore properties controlled by the combined companies consist of mines near Coquimbo, Chile, which is [illegible] higher than the usual run of [illegible] Superior ores, the Juragua mines including a tract of [illegible] acres near Santiago, Cuba, the properties of the Spanish American Iron Company, consisting of 70,000 acres of ore land [illegible] mines [illegible] miles [illegible] a considerable ore reserve at Cornwall, Pa., in which the Pennsylvania Steel Company owned [illegible] becomes available for the combination.

The Lehigh Coke Company, a subsidiary of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, operates two by-product coke plants at South Bethlehem. These consist of 424 Koppers ovens, the last unit of which was placed in operation just recently, and 100 Didier ovens. [illegible] ovens were [illegible] The coal supply for these plants is obtained from the mines of the Davis Coal & Coke Company in West Virginia under a contract made in 1910 for a period of 20 years, the minimum to be [illegible] tons and the maximum 2,000,000 tons per annum.

The Pennsylvania Steel Company's coal holdings are vested in the Penn Mary Coal Company, which owns 16,000 acres of coal land in Indiana county. The mines of this property produce upwards of 800,000 tons annually. Coal from these mines, together with a small percentage from West Virginia, supplies the 200 Otto Hoffman by-product ovens at the Maryland Steel Company at Sparrows Point.

The furnace equipment of the companies consist of six modern blast furnaces at South Bethlehem, with an estimated annual capacity of [illegible] tons, five at Steelton, [illegible] one at Harrisburg and two at Lebanon, with a total annual capacity of 780,000 tons. The Maryland Steel Company's four furnaces at Sparrows Point, Md., have an estimated capacity of [illegible] tons.

With the additions in progress the Bethlehem plants alone will be able to turn out [illegible] tons of steel ingots. The Maryland Steel Company has an ingot capacity of [illegible] tons and the Pennsylvania Steel Company 1,000,000 tons.

The ship building properties consist of the Fore River Ship Building Company at Fore River, Mass., the Harlan & Hollingsworth Corporation at Wilmington, Del., Union Iron Works at San Francisco, the ship yard of the Maryland Steel Company at Sparrows Point, Md., Samuel L. Moore & Sons Corporation at Elizabethport, N. J., the Carteret Improvement Company and the Crescent Ship Yard Corporation, Staten Island, N. Y.

Other subsidiaries of the Bethlehem and Pennsylvania companies include The Bethlehem Steel Products Company, the Philadelphia, Bethlehem & New England railroad, the Titusville Forge Company, the Saucon Land & Improvement Company, the Lebanon County Light, Heat & Fuel Company, the Possum Glen Water Company and the Pine Township Water Company.

STEEL PLANT TO BE DEVELOPED

Bethlehem to Spend Over $15,000,000 at Sparrows Point, Md.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 2.—[illegible] twenty million dollars will be expended by the Bethlehem Steel Company in developing the Maryland Steel Company's plant at Sparrows Point, Md., according to an announcement made yesterday by Eugene G. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Corporation.

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ALLOWANCES BY P. R. R. TO SHIPPER WERE UNREASONABLE

Interstate Commerce Commission So Decides in Case of an Altoona Company

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—In an opinion involving the payment for services [illegible] private tracks from mines and coke ovens of shippers to the tracks of interstate carriers, the Interstate Commerce Commission held in a decision handed down today that any allowance by the Pennsylvania railroad of more than [illegible] cents per net ton to the Altoona Coal & Coke Company and the Glenwhite Coal & Lumber Company to be unreasonable and unjustly discriminatory.

The complainant in the case was the Mitchell Coal & Coke Company, which operates several mines in the Clearfield district. Its facilities [illegible] being directly involved in the case covered by the decision.

The commission holds that when an interstate carrier employs a shipper of coal or coke to haul its product over private tracks for delivery to the carrier, the shipper is not entitled to a preference in the compensation allowed. It is excessive. The Altoona Coal & Coke Company received allowances amounting to 20 cents a ton on coke and [illegible] cents on coal.

In its decision the commission points out that the assistant to the president and the general superintendent of the division upon which the mines are located were large stockholders in the Altoona Coal & Coke Company and it is not unreasonable to [illegible] that that fact may to some extent have influenced the defendant carrier in its relations with the shipper.

THE BEST COMPENSATION

Is the Prevention of Accidents, Says Department Chief

In the monthly bulletin of the Department of Labor and Industry, Chief John Price Jackson says that almost every well managed industrial plant [illegible] Almost every [illegible] ing in return to workers [illegible] been established in the [illegible] of [illegible] industrial plants [illegible] its [illegible] two words which [illegible] the [illegible] well as from the human and [illegible] have as one [illegible] first [illegible] made [illegible] which [illegible] thought [illegible] client and [illegible] injuries [illegible] worker is the primary [illegible] the [illegible] in the industry.

Prevention is the best compensation [illegible] adopted [illegible] Workmen's [illegible] Inspectors [illegible] investigations [illegible] caused injuries to employes [illegible] their reports on a form which [illegible] results in [illegible] adopted [illegible] plants which [illegible] at this time.

IMPROVED CONDITIONS

In the Life of Coal Mine Employes Both Inside and Outside the Mines

It seems [illegible] from [illegible] to the [illegible] the [illegible] between two things [illegible] Department of Mines [illegible] however [illegible] its [illegible] in the many [illegible] that [illegible] in [illegible] condition [illegible] physical [illegible] of the men who work underground.

Along with the remarkable progress in the practical and material side of coal mining there has been an intelligent and successful effort to better the lot of the miner both inside and outside the mines. A social and humanitarian spirit has been effectively at work. This is evidenced in the character of the homes, in the comforts and conveniences with which they are supplied, and in the general appearance of neatness and cleanliness that marks the present community in contrast with the disorderly and repellant aspect of former years.

OUTPUT GAINS

Somerset Coal Production Shows a Steady Decrease

Special to The Courier.

SOMERSET, Feb. [illegible]—The production of coal in Somerset county has steadily increased during the past three years. Parts of the county are in three different inspection districts so that the report of no one of the inspectors covers the whole county. The Windber field is in the 25th (Cambria) district. The Garrett-Berlin region is in the 23rd (Elk Lick) district. All other mines in the county are in the 26th (Somerset) district.

Mine Inspector Fletcher W. Cunningham of Somerset, in charge of the 26th district, has compiled figures on the production in the entire county during the past three years as follows:

1913	[illegible] tons
1914	[illegible] tons
1915	7,824,631 tons

EXPORTS GAIN

Breadstuffs Only Article to Show a Falling Off

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Exports from the United States of animal oils, breadstuffs, cottonseed oil, [illegible] the hogs and sheep, meat and dairy products and cotton during the seven months ending with January, 1916, totalled $[illegible] as compared with $[illegible] in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year, according to figures just made public by the department of commerce. Breadstuffs was the only one of these articles mentioned to show a decrease this year as compared with last.

In mineral oils the increase was from $[illegible] in the first seven months of the fiscal year [illegible] to $[illegible] in the same period this year. The value of the gasoline and naphtha exported increased from $[illegible] to $[illegible] and the quantity from [illegible] gallons to [illegible] gallons.

REVIVAL IN PIG IRON

Buying Becomes More Active and General at Advancing Prices

A horizontal price advance of $[illegible] a ton in light plates at [illegible] Pittsburg and shapes and bars to [illegible] for future delivery has not served to check the enthusiasm of buyers, says The Iron Trade Review. Many large consumers, however, are well covered for the balance of the year at lower figures.

There has been a spirited revival in pig iron, particularly in Pittsburg, Youngstown and other middle western centers. The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company has purchased 20,000 tons of Bessemer and [illegible] tons of gray forge for shipment before July 1, the former at $20 Valley and the latter at $17.[illegible] The [illegible] Steel Company has purchased [illegible] to 10,000 tons [illegible] Southern [illegible] The American Rolling Mill Company and the [illegible] Company also have closed on large basic contracts.

Railroads are active buyers and the Pennsylvania has succeeded in placing a portion of its 20,000-ton inquiry for [illegible] The New York Central has [illegible] for 170 locomotives and is figuring on 50 more. Several other big locomotive inquiries are pending. The Long Island railroad has purchased 8,000 tons of rails from the Bethlehem Steel Company, and the Central Railway of Georgia has [illegible] contract with the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company for 10,000 tons. The Alaska Engineering commission, Seattle, shortly will take bids on 1,000 tons of open-hearth rails and 7,000 kegs of spikes.

BUILDING TRAMROAD

Work Being Rushed at Casparis, the New Stone Quarry

[illegible] new [illegible] of the Casparis Stone Company, two miles east of Bluestone, where the quarry is to be built, has been named Casparis after the president of the company.

Work on a tramroad leading to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has been begun.

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40		Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
400	400	Alicia	W Harry Brown	Alicia Fay Co
293	293	Allison No 1	W J Rainey	New York
200	200	Allison No 2	W J Rainey	New York
142	142	American No 1	American C'ville C & C Co	Pittsburg
240	240	American No 2	American C'ville C & C Co	Pittsburg
50		American No 3	American C'ville C & C Co	Pittsburg
40	10	Anies	The Wickey & Feather Coke Co	Uniontown
120		Atcheson	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Gans
42		Bellevernon	Bellevernon Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
100	100	Bridgeport	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
470	400	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co	Brier Hill
20	20	Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
50	50	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Uniontown
25		Bosco	I W Semans	Uniontown
420	420	Buffington	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
34	31	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
34		Byrnt	Byrnt Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
205	205	Century	Century Coke Co	Brownsville
40	40	Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
500	420	Colonial No	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
168	150	Colonial No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	290	Colonial No 4	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	120	Crystal	United Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
260	260	Dearth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
236	236	Debby	Reliance Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
102	102	Donald 1 & 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
160	100	Donald 3	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
500	470	Edenborn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
149	149	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co	Uniontown
13[illegible]	40	Eleanor	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
32	32	Elmore	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
200	200	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co	Fairbank
32	32	Finley	Jas Byrne & Co	Uniontown
400	400	Footedale	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
80	80	Fretts	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
119	104	Grays[illegible]od	Aetna-Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
68	58	Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
400	400	Griffin 1 & 2	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
210	203	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
46	45	Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Coal Co	Pittsburg
71	71	Hoover	James H Hoover	McClellandtown
38	38	Hope	Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
105	105	Hustead	Hustead Semans Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
280	264	Isabella	Isabella Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
140	140	Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
200	200	LaBelle	Labelle Coke Co	Labelle
320	220	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Helen
462	420	Lambert	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
516	416	Leckrone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
30	30	Leon	Franklin Coke Co	Mt Pleasant
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
10	40	Little Gem	The Pl[illegible] Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
260	260	Low Phos	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
31	31	Luzerne	Luzerne Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
61	64	Marion	Southern Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
244		Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Youngstown O
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60	60	Murphy	Leonard Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
30	30	Newcomer	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
100	100	Old Home	W J Parshall	Uniontown
480	480	Orient	Orient Coke Co	Uniontown
34	34	Parshall No 1	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
108	108	Parshall No 2	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
30	20	Perry	Perry Coke Co	Pittsburg
72	72	Plumer	Plumer Coke Co	Uniontown
101	101	Poland	Poland Coal Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Uniontown
120	65	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co	Outcrop
360	320	Ronco	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
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310	310	Sterling	Consolidated C'ville Coke Co	Uniontown
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400	400	Thompson No 2	Thompson Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
320	320	Tower Hill 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
384	308	Tower Hill 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
500	500	Washington 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
500	500	Washington 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
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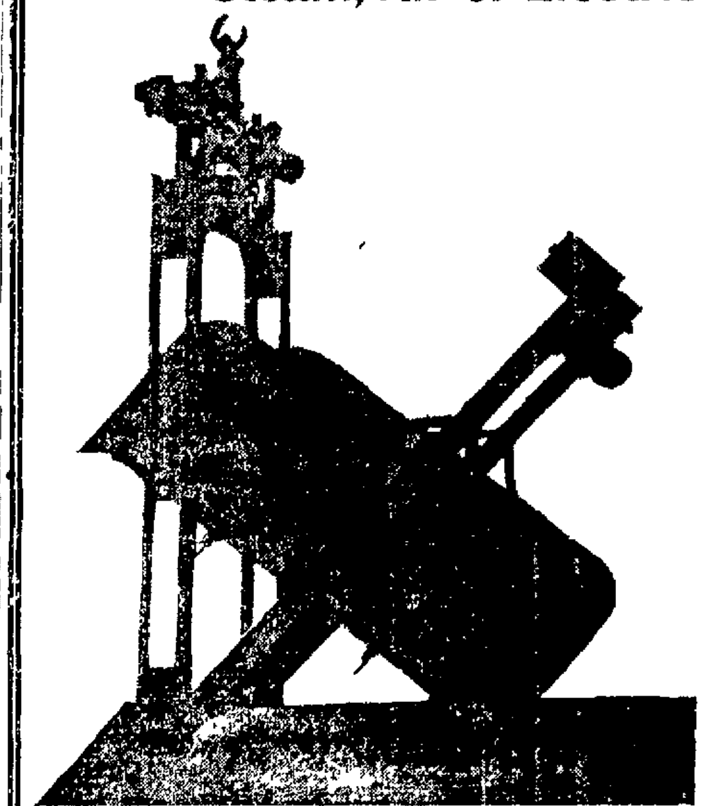

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FUEL FOR SLIGO

The solution of the problem of a fuel supply which is at present engaging the attention of the new owners of the Sligo mills presents an opportunity for Connellsville enterprise and capital such an opportunity as would mark the creation of a new industry in this section and add to the city's equipment of advantages as a manufacturing center.

The art and practise of producing coke by the by-product process has been so perfected that its success as a commercial enterprise is in large measure assured if consumers of the gas, the largest output in volume, are within easy reach of the source of production. It is the absence of this condition possibly more than other considerations which has prevented the installation of by-product plants in the Connellsville region. While the markets for some of the by-products are not yet fully developed they are being expanded and diversified and there is already a well established market for other by-products. Coke, the principal product, will always remain a staple article adapted to metallurgical, industrial and domestic uses in both the local and general markets.

A plant of this character installed near or in conjunction with Sligo mills should present possibilities for Connellsville that cannot be measured alone in terms of the profit to be derived from its operation. There is admitted need of more industrial establishments within the city or its environs. An enterprise that would be able to furnish to other concerns a modern and economical fuel, the source of which would be constant and the supply ample to suit growing requirements ought to serve the most excellent purpose of drawing the attention of other manufacturers to our unsurpassed advantages as a manufacturing center.

The Courier commends this suggestion to the thoughtful consideration of our business men and their organizations.

DEMOCRATIC DISAGREEMENT

The Democrats in Congress do not agree with the President upon the propriety, if we may put it that politely, of insisting at this time upon International belligerents putting our interpretation upon international law instead of the interpretation put upon it by themselves to suit altered conditions of warfare.

President Wilson makes much ado over the fact that the law as outlined by him is the law as has hitherto been interpreted by all nations but he fails to note that conditions have changed in the meantime and that the change in the law's interpretation is made to meet new conditions. The submarine war vessels were never employed before. They are new to warfare. They are strong in offensive but they have no powers of resistance at close quarters and a very small cannon on a merchant vessel is armament enough to engage them effectively. Hence the German demand that vessels carrying any such guns be regarded as armed vessels. The demand is reasonable.

Germany further reserves the right to destroy the commerce of the enemy including its merchant marine armed or unarmed. In view of the fact that it is the avowed policy of the Allies who control the seas to beat Germany by starving her into submission it is the right of Germany to retaliate against that policy whenever she can. The employment of her submarines to destroy British merchant marine is part of the war of retaliation. The United States pursued much the same policy in some of its earlier struggles with Great Britain. It is in no position to criticise such methods of marine warfare now, not even though they may have the sanction of the new international law.

President Wilson is strong just now for the rights of the American citizen, possibly because he is strong for the votes of the American citizen. It will be recalled that a year ago his voice was for peace, and that this note of belligerency has entered it only since Premier Bryan left his Cabinet and set up a rival Democratic action based on a Peace foundation.

The rights of American citizens and the honor and self-respect of the nation are all very well for the President to uphold and protect, but it is not necessary for the American citizen to insist upon traveling on belligerent boats when American lines are available. The suggestion that the American citizen travel on American or neutral boats to the end that this nation avoid entanglements with foreign nations now at war is a reasonable and a seasonable suggestion which ought to be received in the right spirit and not in a truculent manner by either the citizens or the chief magistrate of the nation.

The German drive into France looks like a determined effort to end the war and cut out the rest.

The Ground Hog could not have been much nastier.

Indian Creek is suspected of having a press agent who is never lost in the fog.

TIME TO GET TOGETHER

Next to the mine officials there are few men who have equal opportunity with the mine inspectors to obtain an intimate knowledge of the actual conditions prevailing in the trade and business of coal mining. Their daily visits of inspection bring them in close contact with the problems with which mining men are confronted. Observing and noting conditions is an important part of their duties, hence the knowledge they gain is first hand, not rumor, speculation or theory.

When out of an abundance of things learned in this way an inspector is prompted to make observations concerning the needs of the industry his expressions are entitled to thoughtful consideration by those engaged in it. In this connection the comments of Inspector Cunningham upon the outstanding features of the mining business in his district during the past year have much of importance and value to those who plan for a stable development of the industry in the future.

Summing up his conclusions Inspector Cunningham says: "In my opinion all the operators should stand together to adjust the output and selling price of the coal and allowing for a fair margin of profit. The present competition is suicidal and under it the crash will come sooner or later. Again, a very important feature to the miners would be that the operators could afford to provide better living and working conditions. He could also go beyond the requirements of the mining laws to make his mines safer."

Inspector Cunningham's deductions are in entire accord with the views of Chief Roderick of the Department of Mines who has repeatedly asserted that the bituminous coal mining business will never be placed upon a permanently profitable basis until the operators come together upon a common ground of interest in the promotion of a well balanced growth of the industry. What Chief Roderick and Inspector Cunningham have observed of the necessities confronting the coal operators applies no less aptly to the coke operators of the Connellsville region. In fact the need for organization among coke producers is even more pressing than among coal producers. The markets of the latter have widening prospects in a constantly increasing rate of consumption while the former is certain sooner or later to feel the restrictions which are being gradually imposed by the growth of the by-product ovens as a new and expanding factor in the trade.

The merchant by-product operators have already formed an association to exploit the merits of their coke. Will the Connellsville operators sit idly by and allow this exploitation to be done without systematic and united effort to retain their own trade?

BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM

Before the Pennsylvania State Retailers Association the other day Horace A. Goddard, a New York authority on advertising, reasserted the well known truth that the daily newspaper is the foundation of all successful advertising. The the daily press has been and is the most valuable advertising medium arises from the fact, this expert said, that it is read by every family in the community that is subject to any argument in them that advertising could bring to bear. "You as well as every other man in your community depend upon the daily newspaper for your political news, your sporting news and your market and business news. And every woman depends upon the daily newspaper first for information on subjects of vital interest to the home—information about kinds and prices of merchandise; that is—the news; for news of society fashions and those who have been married, how to make themselves beautiful.

Women direct the greater part of the buying and nine women out of every 10 will turn first to the department store advertisements then to specialty shops. They get general information from the former and particular buying information from the latter. Most men read the first page, then the sporting or market page. As they go through the paper they pick out the strong and the special display advertisement but as a rule they will duck the department store matter.

Morning and night the newspapers print thousands of inches of reading matter—advertising being a good part of it—and the public is willing and anxious to read it. If it then is the direct means of telling the people what you can do for them what you have for them that will add to their comfort, pleasure, happiness and joy of life. The newspaper will convey news to every man and woman in your community.

No time was never more prophetic than the present for merchants to tell the story of their store news to the buying public, no means more effective than the daily paper.

PRESENT AND FUTURE PAYROLLS

The pay rolls of the Connellsville coke region are increasing and the money is overflowing into the central coke region towns like Connellsville. We are just now receiving the full measure of coke trade improvement. It is slow to come but it will also be slow to leave.

In the meantime it will be well to remember that this happy condition is due neither to the weather nor the Democratic party but to the European war and its demands upon our industrial resources and that when that war is concluded and we will have to face an industrial war of competition from British and German sources our mills and mines will slump to the conditions of 1914 unless our industries are in the meantime protected by a Republican tariff.

Vote the Republican ticket in 1916 and get right with industrial conditions.

The German warning seems to have been sufficient to have kept the French liner Lusanne from sailing. Looks as if Germany's undersea fleet had the Allies water bulldoed.

The Thompson plan of liquidation seems to have the approval of the Greene county creditors and they are very careful auditors.

Connellsville's municipal administration is having a hard time inaugurating the jobs held.

LEAKY WATER MAINS

Connellsville's water mains have sprung aleak in various portions of the city and are in a condition which will soon have to be remedied at some cost to the owner of the water plant.

The mains are evidently badly rusted and will have to be replaced with new pipes. The Connellsville water plant is failing. It is like an old man. It needs rejuvenation. This renewal will cost money.

If the city should purchase the plant this fact should be kept in consideration. Perhaps it might be better to permit the water company to have some extension of its contract enough at least to permit it to put its plant in good condition before the city is ready to take it over.

This feature of the matter we commend to the consideration of Councilman Duggan and the advocates of purchase.

The hospital usually does the cutting but sometimes the cuts are preliminary slashes on the outside.

Germany announces that she will treat as warships all vessels armed in any manner whether defensively or not and President Wilson concedes that this opens up the question of neutrality again. Not at all. The question has never been solved. Germany has too much at stake to close it.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union invites Scottdale to join upon that organization for moral support. No gallant sinner will feel like refusing such an invitation nevertheless sinners must learn to lean upon themselves.

Safety First seems to have been practised with some results in consequence in the bituminous coal regions of Western Pennsylvania during 1915. It is a good habit to keep up.

The Jamisons, the Huffs and the Coulters are the coal magnates of the Greensburg end of the district. This shows that tough capital does not always pick up all the good things. These are all local capitalists.

The scouting around the upper air strata of strange aircraft is puzzling and worrying the authorities of America and Canada and well it may.

It is hard to understand why coal miners are willing to take four cents less for machine mining in Indiana and Illinois and demand 6 cents more for pick mining in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio. It looks like rank discrimination.

Dunbar's hotels have some very fine entertainers and they play the part well.

Uniontown's policemen are to be regulated in all their conduct for the good of the service.

There is an increased demand for Connellsville coke even as far west as Chicago where the by-product competition is now negligible in the face of the increased demand. When it comes to preparedness the beehive oven is several laps ahead of the by-product plant.

The water conference is still in the air.

Senator Crow is the leader of the opposition to the West Point bill in the Senate. Is Crow to have his crow to pick on that?

The brewers are in the field as early in the spring with their politics very new and then.

The Fayette commissioners propose to give Dickerson Run an overhead bridge at Dawson. The latter is enterprising as well as accommodating.

The Eastern movement in pigs from Pittsburgh to lift it a few more pegs and make furthermore more recollected pig iron prices for them in Connellsville.

If Verdun is the key to Paris the European war may be nearer an end than has been suspected.

If the stories of the European war are half true the sacrifice of human life is something terrible and the Christian world should pray without ceasing that Providence will put an end to the slaughter.

The European war and the Democratic campaign are approaching the first battle line.

The Connellsville anti-noodle interest is working on behalf of the cost of Connellsville and this paper is in sympathy with the movement but we will not make a political issue of the matter since it hasn't for one whatever with politics.

The fire brick business is expanding to meet coke trade conditions.

Southern coke is alive. The beehive ovens of Alabama are all engaged in turning out furnace fuel. The prices are $2.75 @ 3.00. Under these conditions the northern pig iron producer can have no complaint on the price of Connellsville coke.

The bad men who tried to burglarize the West Penn terminals must have had notions of getting into their cups.

Anthrax has been lifted from Confluence but the cattle cases are liable to come again.

The Health Officer of Connellsville was acting strictly in the line of his duty when he arrested a man who was carrying two revolvers and a razor no matter what the original charge against the individual might have been.

Woodrow is not doing the driving this session.

There are no pigs in Connellsville except those in pigstyes and they are to be removed. Connellsville is not on the hog.

The Western Maryland will determine upon the location of its freight yards very soon but we would think that business conditions would dictate that they be located at or near Connellsville.

Some folks are so sensitive that they feel snubbed if an epidemic overlooks 'em.

It's a lucky girl that's got a little sister to look at what these days.

If tree flat has been sent admitted to the comin' weddin' o' Miss Flump Peach an' Oscar Bud.

Who remembers when only the leading saloonkeeper wore a diamond?

Miss Fawn Lippincut has been asked to recite fer nothin' at the Peace Social tonight. Such la time.

It's a mighty dull day when country in squire don't do somewhere.

I am flash with grief with such high honors a June to still lookin' fer somethin' light an' remunerative.

Well it has been a long time an' Lafe Bud that's a mornin' an' nature shows is good if it's bad, but it's good.

It's an old fashioned Christmas when you get your mis just about Miss Germ Williams. Flesh in blood are as in Hearts Around an' Mollie on Hill tonight.

Who remembers the straight finish when it wuz in respectable to be the alert except a sling but Swiss Bell Ringers.

March

By GEORGE FITCH

Author of "At Good Old Siwash"

The month of March is a sort of meteorological political campaign. It is composed mainly of wind and dust in the eyes.

March begins just after we have had the very thick of winter and our thoughts until we are heartily ashamed of anything we have said of anything against January and February. It is in town blindly and rushing to us. It starts and totals on us. It starts up and it warms up and turns us loose believing that winter is past wagon load of coal until spring. But it always turns again just as he has gotten down to the last bushel and orders a new ton. It dusts the family out and then it hasn't stopped in March and most people do not like it. They will tell you March is a funny wind and wait until just as if March is fit to come and when the high end and the last of its fire and then about the middle it has ceased to abuse it in all this particular. But one can only stand it exactly as the month of March itself.

March was named for Mars the god of war and it is an old chip off the block.

Freshmen are inaugurated on the 4th of March but the month hasn't appreciated the honor.

In its early history it was afflicted with the one who was fatal to Julius Caesar. It has entirely recovered from them and is now a month of holidays. The Presidents of the United States are inaugurated in the 4th of March but the month hasn't appreciated the honor and has treated the parades with much contempt snowing, blowing and falling on them with great regularity. For some reason the residents of Washington who think that Presidents are elected for the purpose of having inaugural parades want the beginning of the Presidential term pushed on into May while others who think that a newly elected President should have the job turned over to him before old age carries him off think he should be inaugurated in January with a parade composed entirely of office seekers.

"BABY WEEK"

The interest which the women of Connellsville are taking in Baby Week indicates that they are preparing to give serious and intelligent attention to a study of a reduced infant mortality and other equally important problems relating to child life which it is the purpose of this institution to provide.

Baby Week is a nation-wide institution or will be from March 4 to 11. It will be fruitful of a broader knowledge and a deeper understanding of the duties of motherhood to the extent that mothers avail themselves of the opportunities that will be afforded. Alive to its mission and functions the Women's Culture Club has arranged for the observance of the week and has provided a daily program for the occasion.

This is neither elaborate nor lengthy but it is sufficient to provide a good beginning and ought to do much to promote a movement for a more pretentious observance of the week next year.

The industrious motor we have always with us and the muddy water every now and then. The combination is rather expensive to the consumer but he has to pay the oil.

The latest and greatest proposed airline is the Zeppelin made in Germany. It will not be an excursion line but a bread line. It will be safe from the sharks of the sea but not wholly from the eagles of the air. It will present new conditions and possibilities however that will be interesting. If the Zeppelin comes to pass it will prove the inventive character of the German mind as well as the desperate character of the German resources.

Foxes have holes but Hugh of New York didn't bring his dogs when he came out to Pittsburg so he has been given a cell in the jail.

The Connellsville News says that the reports that President Wilson is dabbling in politics are silly rumors. If orders had been issued The News naively suggests that some inkling of them would have been received in Fayette county. The Courier might supplement this suggestion with another to the effect that if such orders have been received they were not for publication.

Bob Jones' advises fishing in the Keys waters. Bob is a whale of a fisherman.

The Honorable Bill Flinn has just arrived from the West Indies where by a queer coincidence the Honorable Theodore Roosevelt still remains. Well an how hooray for Progressive Republican Reunion and confusion upon any fellow who is holding out on the proposition!

The Woman Suffragists are with us once again.

The Western Maryland railroad seems to be hesitating between Firestop and Hyde's Bottom as location for yard and shops. There ought not to be any doubt about the matter. Firestop is too far away from the center of activity.

The Uniontown Standard stands for a trick but that consists merely in a little jawing and much bellowing.

The Democratic party has revolted against President Wilson. Politics are mighty uncertain. At the last session Congress was eating out of Woody's hand.

We have come to the time when women's shoes are costing as much as their hats. The shoe stores never dreamed they could beat either.

Dickerson Run is posing as a Safety First Center.

Wheeler has an active feud and a silent fire works. New Haven has none of the former, perhaps we had none of the latter to make up its like prosperity.

Scottdale is needing new banks while other towns are closing old ones.

Uniontown's relish for a joke but he has not quit yet.

Colonel Edward H. Collins of Weston has come this way to say or at a plant that should be erected at Pittsburg as the point handy possibly in Westmoreland county. No doubt it should and no doubt that is a good argument for a Westmoreland county candidate for congress but the armor plate plant will be a Democratic plant and its location will be in a Democratic county. We should guess somewhere near Birmingham Alabama.

If the Zeppelin cannot make the North Sea how can it hope to successfully negotiate the Atlantic?

The miners and operators are holding another session in New York City and are expected to be just a bit closer to agreement. The session of the body have been amid pleasant surroundings. The delegates will be entertained and hospitably at all of them. We may therefore expect a thorough deliberation upon all questions involved in the new wage scale.

Some of the railroads still know where to secure labor.

The Connellsville school boys may not understand all the fine points of the European war game or the finer shades of European diplomacy but they are thorough believers in the doctrine of American preparedness.

Me and the American Citizen are prominent in Woodrow's platform.

This is the day to visit the public schools and Sunday is the day to visit the Sunday schools. Encourage the rising generation and those who are assisting them to rise.

The measles are retiring but the Bobjones fever is just breaking out.

Scottdale has quietly added another small but active industry to its enterprises. Scottdale business men are awake to the fact that the success of a town depends in a large measure upon a multiplicity of diversified industries rather than a few large mills or factories.

The Connellsville school board proposition is being prepared with care. The board does not want this issue to go off half cocked.

If the owner of that Fairview Penn springs cannot be persuaded to bottle it up and sell it for medicinal water he will have to be ordered to root it out or pipe it off so that it does not make the street impassable during the winter season.

The B. & O. is fixing its schedule out. It will probably stand some changes as for example that stop at Ohiopyle.

The tax appeals of South Connellsville are not many or serious indicating a pretty careful survey of taxable values in our small sister borough.

One of the Yohes has engaged in the steel business in Cleveland. It is hard to think of a Yohe in any other but the railroad business.

The du Ponts have bought all the powder mills which haven't blown up and raise them in one neat little powder trust.

Looking Backward

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1886.

The coke trade has made a brave start toward getting on its feet following the settlement of the strike. 4,432 ovens out of the 10,852 in the region being in blast, leaving 2,110 which have not yet come to the producing stage.

The shipments are up to 770 cars for the week, 630 of which are marketed by the coke syndicate and 140 by the outside operators.

The new borough council organizes with Crawford Stillwagon president and James Echard clerk. Edwin Bender and Isaac Shaw are chosen members of the police force. Their salaries are unchanged at $40 per month, a motion to increase to $50 having been lost by a tie vote. New Haven council elects George H. Mathiot clerk and R. A. McIlvaine treasurer.

Robert Haliday, clerk at the Yough House, is made foreman of the grand jury.

Ladies of the Methodist Episcopal Church present Mrs. Mansell their pastor's wife, with a silk quilt.

Colonel John A. Danks is speaker at a camp fire of the G. A. R. veterans. The bean-bake is a lively affair to which Levi Stoner the German songster contributes his well known selection "Song of the Beans."

Colonel J. M. Reid is mentioned as a possible candidate for Congress.

Uniontown people object strongly to a preacher riding a bicycle that he resigns. During the same week Bull Newcomer, a pugilist claiming the County Capital as his home, is sent to meet Billy Clapp a Youngstown medium weight. They fight with bare knuckles for a $75 purse.

The partnership of H. P. Snyder and A. M. Claybaugh as publishers of The Courier is dissolved. J. H. S. Stimmell succeeds A. M. Claybaugh and the firm becomes Snyder & Stimmell.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1896.

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending February 29 shows a total of 17,917 ovens in the region of which 14,271 are in blast and 3,673 idle, with an estimated production of 122,772 tons, a decrease of 8,20 tons from the previous week.

Shipments for the week aggregated 4,324 cars consigned as follows: To Pittsburg 1,710 cars, to points west 3,301 cars, to points east 1,3 4 cars, an increase of 133 cars over the previous week.

The property of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company goes into the hands of John K. Cowen and Oscar G. Murray receivers.

The Connellsville Extension Company opens an office in the Sisson building for sale of lots in South Connellsville.

H. M. Kephart, Captain J. M. Dushan and C. W. Campbell announce as candidates for Assembly.

Judge Ewing decides that cider cannot be sold without a license. Attorney R. H. Lindsey raises the point in court relative to the time of filing motions for new trials that by a decision in an English law made in 1416 the 29th of February does not count as a legal day.

A scheme is broached by McKeesport people to pipe water from Indian Creek for the use of the down river towns.

The Democrats in the new borough council quarrel so bitterly over the distribution of offices and honors that the body fails to organize after two attempts.

The senior class of the New Haven high school, having passed their examinations in literature by Miss Lila Skiff, principal of the Connellsville high school and in algebra by Dr. G. W. Gall, organize with the following officers: President, C. P. Hoop; vice president, Jennie Leech; secretary, Gertrude F. Cosher; treasurer, Elizabeth B. Collins.

Mrs. Nancy C. Johnston, widow of William C. Johnston, dies at her home near Moyer, aged 63 years.

Father Francis McCourt, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church and Father M. A. Lambing of Scottdale enter into a contest for a set of vestments to be decided by the amount of money each may collect in their churches.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1906.

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending March 3 shows 23,313 ovens in the region of which 21,980 are in blast and 1,333 idle, with an estimated production of 282,721 tons.

Shipments for the week aggregated 11,199 cars consigned as follows: To Pittsburg 4,012 cars, to points west, 5,340 cars, to points east 1,847 cars.

The new council organizes with Clark Stillwagon president, W. D. McGinnis clerk, J. W. Ruther treasurer, Hughes & Brown solicitors, S. M. Foust engineer. J. Scott is made chief of police. The patrolmen are Howard Anderson, Frank McCudden, Frank McCormick and John DeTemple. In New Haven J. J. Balsley is elected president, James Slaughter clerk, S. R. Goldsmith solicitor, J. B. Hogg engineer and W. O. Whitman fire chief.

Cyrus Echard, Joseph Echard, Joseph T. Johnston and D. R. Evans buy the coal under the Murphy farm in Perry township paying in the neighborhood of $1,000 per acre. They make application for a charter for the Echard Coal & Coke Company.

The century mark in Connellsville's history as an incorporated borough is passed at midnight on the 6th inst amid a din of blowing whistles and ringing bells.

The physicians protest against the reduction from $5 to $3 in the fee allowed by insurance companies for examination of applicants.

Clerk of Council McGinnis makes it known that he does care for the dual honor and emolument as borough clerk and secretary of the board of health whereupon George J. Brown, the incumbent, expresses willingness to continue as secretary.

A petition is in circulation asking for the appointment of viewers to assess the value of the Yough bridge with a view to having it purchased by the county.

Under the Dome

Special to The Courier.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—The Republican Publicity Association, through its President, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., today gave out the following statement at its Washington headquarters:

"A fundamental and fatal weakness in the present administration has been the assumption on the part of the President and the practical admission on the part of the majority party in Congress that the intelligence, wisdom and patriotism of one man in the White House are superior to the intelligence, wisdom and patriotism of 531 men in the legislative branch of the Government. President Wilson has not claimed the right to dictate to all members of Congress, but he has asserted the right to dictate to the members of the majority party, which, when conceded, practically confers upon him the power to dictate to all.

This is not a new subject, but it is given peculiar emphasis by United States Commissioner of Education Dr. P. P. Claxton, who declares that he has no sympathy with any scheme of philosophy or education that has a tendency to make mere machines of human beings." This declaration coming from the schoolmaster at the head of the Educational Bureau of the United States Government is in such direct contrast with the views expressed by the schoolmaster at the head of the entire Executive Branch of Government that it calls particular attention to the scheme or philosophy of government advocated by the President.

Dr. Claxton believes in the right of all individuals to be men and women, not machines. A contrary view was expressed by President Wilson in his Indianapolis speech when he compared the Democrats in Congress to a team and himself to the captain, asserting it to be the duty of the members of the team to obey the signals of the captain.

President Wilson not only asserted the right of a captain but has exercised it. He has outlined to certain members of Congress who are designated and recognized as leaders not only the subjects of legislation which should be taken up for consideration and action but has outlined to a greater or less extent the lines which that legislation should follow, and he has indicated what subjects of legislation shall not be taken up. In several important instances he has been saved from the humiliation of bringing misfortune upon the country only by the efforts of a few independent members of his own party or the wise and courageous action of members of the minority party who prevented the legislation he desired. This has particular reference to currency legislation which would have been a failure if enacted in the form in which he proposed or endorsed it, and the ship-purchase bill which certainly would have involved us in war with European countries if it had been enacted.

There has been some evidence in the past few weeks that Democrats in Congress intend to act upon their own information and judgment. There is some indication that the President has learned his shortcomings and will take counsel with men whose experience and training are far greater than his.

In the meantime we have suffered three years of bad management because of the state of mind of the chief executive and the country still labors under the handicap and embarrassment of not knowing what changes of executive policy a day or an hour may bring forth.

One of the best arguments for the Republican Protective Tariff policy has been furnished by the Democratic party," said Representative Charles B. Timberlake of Colorado on the recent action of the Democratic caucus pledging support to the bill for retaining the present duty on sugar.

"This proposal to maintain the present sugar tax is an admission by the Democrats of the financial failure of their administration. Confronted by an ever-increasing deficit in the Treasury and at their wits end how to meet it they are forced to recognize Republican principle to prevent a further annual loss of about $40,000,000 in revenue. Furthermore, when the Democrats advocated Free Sugar they claimed that the price of sugar to the consumer would be reduced in proportion to the reduction in duty. But what are the facts?

"The partial reduction in the sugar duty wiped out the cane sugar industry of the United States. It partially destroyed the beet sugar industry and completely blocked its further development. It conferred a benefit upon the sugar industry in foreign countries. It reduced the annual custom revenues about ten millions. At the same time the price of sugar in America has remained practically the same. In short this one item in the Democratic Tariff law has reduced our revenues tremendously, damaged American industry, aided foreign competitors, and has been of no benefit whatever to American consumers.

It is not surprising that individual Democrats in the recent caucus refused to abide by its decision because it was furnishing ammunition to their opponents. The Republican contention has been completely justified."

CLAIMS STOLEN GOODS

Man Had Articles Taken From Mount Pleasant Store

Two revolvers and a razor found on John Myers when he was arrested last Friday by Health Officer George Hetzel were identified by a Mount Pleasant hardware merchant as those stolen from his store last Wednesday night. The dealer came to town yesterday and claimed the articles after reading of Myers arrest in the paper.

The store was entered by a thief who broke a plate glass window and helped himself to eight razors two guns and a quantity of other articles.

Myers was committed to jail on Saturday by Alderman Fred Munk on a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

SCOTTDALE SWARMS OVER RESERVATIONS IN THE TABERNACLE

Expected Delegation of 200 Proves to Number 450 When It Arrives.

GETS A TREMENDOUS OVATION

Mill Town Delegation Hears Bob Jones Take a Fling at Sin. Sings Its Favorite Hymn and Presents Juvenile Duet to Rival Little Moonbeams.

Scottdale took possession of the tabernacle Monday, overflowed the reservation and swarmed to all parts of the big building. Reservations had been made for 250, and it was stated that between 180 and 200 would attend, but by the time the delegation had filed in fully 450 persons had filed in.

The machine-like schedule of the evangelistic campaign went by the boards, Loren Jones saw his choir break up a perfectly good hymn to applaud the vanguard of the visitors and Rev. W. M. Curtis was so chagrined when it became apparent that there were not reservations enough for the visitors that he let Loren Jones make the apology. In view of the fact that Loren was nursing a grouch at the ushers for permitting the interruption to the most pretentious song of the evening, he did splendidly. By the time he had finished, invited the Scottdale delegation to sing its favorite hymn and stage the juvenile duet, Rev. Curtis had so far recovered his equanimity as to make the usual evening announcements.

The Mill Town visitors filed in about 7.45. That is, they began to arrive at that time, and for the next 10 minutes a steady stream of them flowed into the building. Prior to that the song service had been inaugurated. About 2,500 home folks had gathered and the attendance threatened to be the smallest of the campaign. Later the building became well filled.

With an orchestra composed of J. W. Buttermore, cornet; C. E. Thomas, clarionet, and Joe Hood, violin, to augment the syncopations of Mrs. Loren Jones on the concert grand piano, the choir swung into "Tell It Wherever You Go," with lots of vim. The next number was "I Would Like to be Like Jesus," and then came "Come Over on the Other Side." During the last number Loren Jones called his Moonbeam stars to the platform. He introduced Gertrude Cypher, Margaret Jean Gilbert and Mildred Sadaway as Homer, Schumann-Heink and Geraldine Farrar, respectively. They sang splendidly.

After the applause died down Loren Jones announced the "Awakening Chorus," and the chorus started. Half way through the first verse there was a hitch. The choir prefers applauding to singing, and the arrival of the advance guard of the Mill Town delegates gave them the chance. Loren Jones kept directing and Mrs. Jones continued the accompaniment, but the chorus refused to sing. It clapped. Even the orchestra joined the recalcitrants. Tragedy was averted by Loren Jones' address of welcome, during the course of which he related an original watermelon joke. Scottdale delegates sang their favorite song, "He Included Me," while James Rollins and Mildred Freeman mounted the platform and sang, "We Shall See the King Some Day."

Rev. W. M. Curtis outlined the busy week ahead. Tuesday the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters were the guests, as well as the men's Bible classes; Wednesday night the Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees, and Thursday night the Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs. Friday afternoon, at 3.15, there will be a special service for school children. Announcement was made that the schools would be dismissed in time for all children who cared to attend might reach the tabernacle on time. Friday evening Bob Jones will speak to women only, while Rev. W. M. Curtis will speak to men only in the Presbyterian Church.

For Sunday afternoon an elaborate program has been arranged. Bob Jones will speak to men only in the tabernacle. Mrs. Frances Allison, at the same hour, will address women over 20 in the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Loren Jones will talk to girls between 10 and 20 years old in the Baptist Church, while Jose Elliott, the Filipino lad, will talk to boys under 14 in the United Presbyterian Church.

Byron Rhodes was the paid fireman on duty last night. The volunteers were C. E. Snair, William Miller, Samuel Rowe and J. C. Strawn.

Rev. J. S. Showers of the United Brethren Church delivered the evening prayer.

Bob Jones told the Scottdale delegation that Connellsville had been doing fine in the matter of collection, having raised more than one-third of the total expense of the campaign during the first week. He said he had been disappointed with the collection only once, and that was Sunday night. "I've got my stakes set," he repeated, but as on former occasions, was careful not to let out an inkling of what his "stakes" might be. After the pans had been passed Loren Jones sang one of the most delightful solos of the campaign, "He Lifted Me."

Bob Jones used the parable of the Prodigal Son as his text. He described the prodigal son as a big-hearted, generous fellow who sat down on a stump, gave himself the once over and returned a verdict of guilty. "I hate a stingy man," Bob Jones began, and he ran the whole gamut of human emotions in describing that hatred. Jones declared that every man, whether a Christian or not, should support some church, declaring that he owed the church for his pure wife, loving mother and his pure childhood. He declared the Christian religion is the cheapest thing on earth.

After a bit Bob Jones got tired hating the stingy man, so he started on sin again. Incidentally he explained that it takes hell and damnation preaching to get sinners started on the right path these days. "The love of God doesn't move people like it used to. It takes hell fire," he shouted to the preachers, and thereby proved that he hasn't heard the sermons we've had to sit through the past year or so. Bob Jones declared there is no such thing as a good sinner and that folks will have to quit patting them on the back and telling them they're all right. The greatest sin, he declared, is that which violates the supreme commandment, "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God."

Bob Jones said that crying isn't religion, and that sickly sentimentalism is often mistaken for religion when it isn't. There is no virtue in weeping, he declared, although strong men often weep and it does them good.

"Every time I say sin I hear the hiss of the serpent," he cried, and he hissed the sibilant until it sounded just like one of those rattlesnakes on Pittsburg street the barker says is skinned every night after the tabernacle lets out.

"This modern talk about there being no hell has made men not believe in sin," he said. "Well, the Bible can picture no hell too bad for me."

Having beaten sin around the stump for the better part of half an hour, Bob Jones switched tactics and applied the homeopathic treatment. He had Loren Jones and the choir chant, "Jesus Paid It All," and discarded Billy Sunday methods for those of Gypsy Smith. "All of you who can say 'Bob Jones, I'm not right and I want you to pray for me,' raise your hands while we are bowed in prayer."

A lot of the moonbeams and sunbeams who had been threatened with excommunication by Loren Jones for not standing on the seats when he called for their chorus put up their hands. A scattering few in the audience did likewise.

"I see more men than I do women," Bob Jones remarked. "Listen, Listen! The problem of Christian work is getting to be the woman problem, not the man. Now let's try it again. Sing 'I'll Go With Him,' Mr. Jones."

A few more stood up. The benediction was pronounced and then Bob Jones met about a hundred in one corner of the tabernacle and held a prayer service.

Bob Jones is delivering a number of messages on the "Holy Spirit" at the afternoon meetings this week.

GETS A DIVORCE

Dunbar Man Freed on Grounds of Indignities to Person.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 29.—On grounds of indignities to the person, Samuel Roum of Dunbar, today was granted a divorce from Josephine Roum by Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen. They were married in Uniontown August 31, 1912. According to the testimony taken in the case, Mr. and Mrs. Roum lived as happily together as two bulldogs. A year ago Mrs. Roum prosecuted her husband for assault and battery. He said he slapped her on that occasion after she had cursed him.

Lewis J. Hartzell of Dunbar, a neighbor, testified that he came into the Roum home on one occasion when there were some beans on the stove. He testified that they were not fit for a hog to eat.

"Sam said to me," Hartzell testified, "Lou, how would you like to eat them," and I said, 'You just send them over to Germany and kill a whole regiment.'"

Judge Van Swearingen signed a decree awarding a divorce to Theodore Stephen Reed of Indian Creek, from Anna Pearl Reed of West Danby, N. Y. They were married September 25, 1907, in Paint township, Somerset county. Reed testified that his wife left him January 29, 1914, running away with Clyde Warrick. Reed said that he followed them as far as Connellsville, and took his wife back home with him. He said that she then took their three children and went to New York. Reed testified that he had heard that his wife had been meeting Warrick.

NO MIRACLES? BUNK

Here's a Swangertown Kid Who Speaks After Four Years.

Who says there are no modern miracles?

The colored population of Swangertown and vicinity, it is said, is agog over a wonderful cure said to have been effected by an itinerant peddler. A child had gone four years without speaking a word, so the story goes, though it was apparently normal in other ways. By copious application of an oil made of "herbs, barks and berries," the child has recovered its speech to such an extent that it can say its prayers every night before it goes to bed.

"That there oil sure done the work," is the way a colored woman comments upon the wonderful cure.

The child is said to have been anointed with the oil several times. "Its wonderful curative qualities," (quoting the inventor) "have actually penetrated the child's anatomy and reached its vocal cords."

Who says there are no modern miracles?

MAY BE DESERTER

Man Arrested for Larceny Said to Have Left the Navy.

After Ed McCairns had been arrested by Constable Martin Gerke last night on a charge of larceny preferred by Clyde Miner of South Connellsville, it was discovered that he was a deserter from the navy. The authorities will hold him pending an investigation and if the navy authorities want him the other charge will be dropped.

McCairns is said to have gone to Miner's home and exchanged clothes, leaving his own and taking Miner's. A warrant for his arrest was sworn out before Alderman Fred Munk.

VERY MUCH A JUROR.

A. B. Hood Drawn for County and Circuit Court Services.

A. B. Hood has been drawn as a juror in the United States district court which sits at Erie, Pa., beginning on March 20. He has also received notice that he has been drawn serve as a criminal juror in this county the week of March 13.

If Mr. Hood serves Fayette county for a week and then sits in the United States court trials, which may last anywhere from two to six weeks he will have done enough jury duty to last an ordinary man a lifetime.

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COUNCIL LISTENS TO ARGUMENTS OF AUTOMOBILE MEN

Hears Merits of Various Machines Discussed and Then Takes No Action.

SELECTION OF TYPE A PUZZLE

Whether to Get a Real Truck or a Tractor Gives Rise to Some Consideration and Special Meeting Will be Held to Act; Three Bids In.

Three manufacturers of motor-driven fire apparatus submitted bids to council Monday for a new motor ladder truck but the contract was not awarded, members of council being undecided as to what type of machine is best suited for the needs of the fire department. The machine will be bought at a special meeting to be called by the mayor later.

The Federal Truck Company, through the Connellsville Garage Company, submitted a bid of $5,700 for a 50-horsepower 50-foot tractor-trailer truck of the kind described in the specifications.

The American La France Fire Engine Company's representative advocated the purchase of a 100-horsepower truck weighing 8,600 pounds, at a cost of $6,245, though he submitted bids on three other types ranging from $5,250 to $6,650 in price. This firm submitted a bid of the tractor-trailer type, the representative stated, because council requested, not because it was regarded as the best type for a community of this type. He stated that the tractor arrangement was adopted so as to attach motors to old fire apparatus which had formerly been horse drawn.

The Seagrave Fire Truck Company submitted bids on six types of trucks ranging from $5,100 to $6,700 in price.

Each of the three representatives was allotted 10 minutes in which to present the claims for their machines. The Federal man conduct himself to this limit but the other two were not informed of the limit by councilmen and as a result one spent 30 minutes and the other 40 minutes in discussing the merits of their trucks.

The discussion was interesting in that it developed a wide variance of opinion as to the best type of truck. Two of the salesmen were inclined to discount the usefulness of the tractor type of truck. The kind of machine is equipped with a rear wheel drive which requires a man to operate. It is possible to make sharp turns through its use and Superintendent of Public Safety M. B. Pryce was of the opinion that it would be useful in getting in and out of the narrow alleys of the city.

All of the agents did special stress on the necessity of getting plenty of power. Horse-power is not to be taken as an indication of the power in a motor, one salesman said, because of the difference in the methods of measuring it, making it a variable quantity. A machine may be speeded up in tests to indicate a much higher horsepower than it could be expected to give for any extended period of time.

One agent said that speed in a fire truck is rapidly being discounted. The run to a fire is so short usually, he explained, that the matter of 10 or 15 seconds does not count. In many cities the speed of fire trucks is being cut down for safety by ordinances.

The equipment of the truck for fire fighting, all salesmen agreed, was rather a minor factor in that it is easily procured and assembled on the truck.

One of the salesmen called the present motor truck of the Connellsville department an "orphan," in that its manufacturers had gone out of business. He said he did not believe a new crank shaft could be secured inside of three months, if one broke.

The amendment to the health ordinance covering the bottling of milk was passed finally and it was decided to publish the original ordinance and amendment.

The contract to furnish six voucher warrant books was awarded to The Courier for $57.75.

The superintendent of accounts was authorized to secure supplies for the engineering department.

All councilmen and the mayor were present at the meeting.

WILL TALK AMUSEMENTS

Interesting Topic for Vanderbilt Saturday Afternoon Club.

Modern amusements will be discussed at the regular meeting of the Saturday Afternoon Club of Vanderbilt to be held Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. E. Kelly with Mrs. C. Koons, assistants. Mrs. Moore is leader.

The program is as follows: "The Moving Picture," Miss Nell Danley; "The Dance," Mrs. Gladys Barricklow; "The Lyceum," Miss Cochran; "The Theatre," Mrs. Strickler, and "New Books," Mrs. Knox.

JOHNNY IS LOST.

Scottdale Boy Strays Away for a While Here.

Seven year old Johnny Munane of Scottdale, who with his father was on his way to Van Meter, got lost on Main street about 10.30 o'clock and stayed lost until 12.30 when he was found in the foreign department of the Yough Trust Company.

While his father was talking little Johnny walked off and the first thing he knew he was completely lost.

Two New Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The Senate has confirmed the appointment of J. T. Shipley to be postmaster at Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pa., to succeed Joseph F. Nauzie whose term has expired; and Alfred N. Vaugher to be postmaster at New Salem, Fayette county, Pa., to succeed C. A. Davidson, whose commission has expired.

COUNTY SEEKS TO QUASH TWO $25,000 DAMAGE SUITS

Solicitor Phillips Contends Brownsville Claimants Should Have Asked Viewers to Assess Amount Due.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 29.—County Solicitor Linn Y. Phillips presented motions to the court today to quash the proceedings against Fayette county which grew out of the erection of the Brownsville bridge. There are two damage suits, each for $25,000, brought by property owners in Bridge street, South Brownsville, against the county. County Solicitor Phillips contends that the actions were not brought in the regular manner.

Representing the county commissioners, Solicitor Phillips asked the court to quash the statement and dismiss the proceedings, declaring that viewers should have been asked to assess damages if the properties were damaged. He declared that the trespass suit should be dismissed.

The damage suits against the county are listed for trial on March 22 and March 27. One suit was brought by James M. West, C. E. Bordwell and W. C. Heasley, trustees in bankruptcy of John E. Rickard, a bankrupt. Alleging that the abutments to the Brownsville bridge damaged the Rickard property, $25,000 damages is asked. The same amount of damages is asked by William H. Herbertson, James R. Herbertson, J. Edgar Herbertson and Sarah C. Herbertson for alleged injury to their property in Bridge street, South Brownsville.

In a decision rendered on Tuesday judge J. Q. Van Swearingen refused the petition of J. F. Autram, tax collector of Luzerne township, in which the collector asked for an order directing the receivers of the Tower Hill Connellsville Coal & Coke Company to pay to the collector the sum of $7,880.20 taxes for the year 1913. The tax collector claimed that he was entitled to the payment of that amount as a preferred lien over and above the claims of other creditors. Judge Van Swearingen held that the petitioner had not shown sufficient facts to entitle him to the preferred payment claimed.

Charles Mort, a Baltimore & Ohio engineer of Connellsville, was tried for non-support on the charge of his wife, Mrs. Minnie Mort. He was directed to pay her $25 a month. The Morts, it was testified, have separated six times in the last two years.

Annabelle Hart, 16 years old, of Connellsville, who was charged with incorrigibility by her father, George Hart, was permitted by Judge Reppert to return to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fry at Dunbar. The court threatened to place the costs on the father if he ever brought a charge of this kind again.

John Myers pleaded guilty to carrying concealed weapons and was fined $100, costs and one year to the workhouse. He was arrested in Connellsville last week with two guns and a razor, subsequently discovered to have been stolen from a Mount Pleasant store.

S. R. Goldsmith, receiver for the Indian Head Coal & Mining Company, today petitioned court that all processes for executions against his company be stayed by court. The company's property is up for sale on March 4. Attorney John Duggan, representing the Connellsville Iron Works, which holds a judgment against the mining company, charged the receiver with acting in bad faith in that he had agreed that the receivership was not to bar executions on judgments. A rule was granted on the Connellsville Iron Works to show cause why its execution should not be stayed.

SEEKS HIS CHILDREN.

Local Man Says Mother Kidnaped Them While He Was at Work.

Alleging that his wife, from whom he is separated, came to his home here last Wednesday while he was at work and took away their children, Ruth E., aged 3, and Lillian V., aged 6, F. H. Darby of Connellsville on Monday asked court for a writ of habeas corpus to compel his wife, Ruth E. Darby and John Daynes of Edenborn to produce the children in court next Tuesday.

Darby alleges that his wife deserted him on January 16, 1916, and has since been living at Edenborn. He seeks to regain possession of the children.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Officers to be Balloted on by Auto Club Will be Named.

President George A. Munson has appointed a nominating committee to select candidates who will be balloted upon for office at the meeting of the club Saturday night. The committee is composed of F. W. Wright, A. E. Vanetta, A. A. Clarke, J. B. Davis and D. B. Evans.

The club will hold its meeting in Munson Hall on Main street at 8 o'clock and a big turnout is anticipated. About 40 membership applications will be voted on.

WRECK VICTIM GETS $10,000.

Train's Conductor Had Been Drinking, Witness Charges.

A jury in Greensburg awarded Charles H. Kuhn of Ligonier a verdict of $10,000 against the Ligonier Railroad Company for injuries suffered in the wreck on that road July 5, 1912.

It was stated that the conductor of the train has been drinking on the day of the wreck. Excepting two other cases the numerous claims growing out of the wreck were settled out of court.

LAD IS HURT

Sled Collides With a Pole and Youngster Is Bruised a Bit.

Vincent Lowe, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lowe of East Murphy avenue, was painfully hurt Saturday morning while sled riding.

While riding down Murphy avenue his sled collided with a pole. He suffered a mashed thumb and bruised face. He was treated at the hospital.

Order New Autos

Three residents of Dickerson Run and Dawson will drive new automobiles in the spring. J. F. Black of Dickerson Run has bought a Hudson; J. C. Jacobs of Dickerson Run, a Dodge and A. C. Brown of Dawson, a Buick.

JAMES ASA CHILDS DIES IN NEW YORK AFTER OPERATION

Prominent Coke Man Succumbs, Following Appendicitis Attack.

A VETERAN IN FRICK SERVICE

Superintendent at Adelaide Plant for Years, but Since 1908 Had Been in Charge of the Juniata and Bitner Works; Had Host of Friends.

James A. Childs, superintendent of the H. C. Frick Coke Company's plant at Bitner and one of the best known mining men in the Connellsville region, died Wednesday in the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, Pneumonia which resulted from an operation for appendicitis was the cause of death.

Mr. Childs went to New York about three weeks ago where he underwent an operation to have his tonsils removed. He recovered from this operation, but while at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. C. Frick, he was stricken with appendicitis. An operation was performed some days ago at the Presbyterian Hospital and he was apparently recovering when pneumonia developed.

Mr. Childs was a veteran employe of the H. C. Frick Coke Company. As a payroll clerk, and in various other capacities, he was located at the old Morgan plant, and later at Broad Ford. It was at Adelaide, however, that he was most prominently identified with the coke industry. He went to Adelaide when the ovens were first completed and the plant was operated under the name of Cupola. It was on January 1, 1895, that Mr. Childs was formally named superintendent of the Adelaide plant. He continued in that capacity until at the end of 1906, when he retired from the Frick company to devote his time to the lumber business and other extensive personal interests. In 1908 he returned to the Frick company as superintendent of the Bitner and Juniata plants.

One of the most popular officials of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, Mr. Childs was particularly well liked by his employes. As one mining man said today, "He was called Jim, even down to the smallest youngster about the plant." With his fellow officials he was regarded with a friendship and affection that was unusual.

Mr. Childs, who was about 51 years old, was married to Miss Mary Belle Hogg, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hogg, on June 11, 1897, at the home of the bride in the West Side, then New Haven. The late Rev. T. S. Cartwright, pastor of the Trinity Episcopal Church of the West Side, officiated. In addition to his widow he is survived by one sister, Mrs. H. C. Frick, and two brothers.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral, but it will likely be held Friday in Pittsburg.

WILL HOLD TESTS

Superintendent Carroll Announces Examinations for County Diplomas.

John S. Carroll, county superintendent of schools, has announced Saturday, March 25, as the date for holding examinations for county diplomas and high school certificates, in districts having seven months of school. Examinations will be held at the following places:

Bullskin township, Pennsville school.
Henry Clay township, Jacquey Valley school.
Lower Tyrone township, Cochran school.
Stewart township and Ohiopyle, jointly Ohiopyle school.
Saltlick township, Center school.
Springfield township, Gans school.
Wharton township, Mount Washington school.

Wharton independent district pupils will be given the examination in their own school.

High school certificates will be granted by County Superintendent Carroll to qualified applicants who pass the examinations in the common school branches. To those who do satisfactory work in common branches and in algebra and civil government and are otherwise qualified, county diplomas will be given. An average of 80 per cent is required with no grade in any branch lower than 60 per cent.

MAY DEPOSIT CLAIMS

Receivers of Creditors Permitted to Aid Rehabilitation Plan.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 29.—Permission was today granted to the receivers for Jasper Augustine, A. A. Thompson and Alva L. Moser, creditors of J. V. Thompson, to deposit their claims with the Thompson creditors' committee. Augustine's claim is for $80,000, Mr. Thompson's $9,000 and Mr. Moser's $10,000.

Indications today were that at least $2,000,000 in claims against J. V. Thompson would be deposited by creditors with depositories of the committee today.

Proceedings to have the Thompson receivership modified to permit an execution on a judgment were renewed today by attorneys for Mrs. Elizabeth Kremer, administratrix of the A. C. Kremer estate. A rule was granted on the receivers of Fuller Hogsett and D. L. Durr, who originally petitioned that a receiver be named for Thompson, to show cause why the receivership should not be modified off. This will be argued on the first Monday of April.

Eleven Men on Force.

An ordinance fixing duties of the Uniontown police under the third class city law, introduced last night, provides for a force of one chief, two desk sergeants and eight patrolmen.

Has Entirely Recovered.

Nicholas George, the Perryopolis man who narrowly escaped asphyxiation in a gas filled room two weeks ago, is about again, none the worse for his experience.

The Grim Reaper

CALEB CAMPBELL.

Caleb Campbell, 86 years old, one of the oldest and best known residents of the West Side, died Saturday night about 10 o'clock at the residence of his son-in-law, A. E. Wagoner, on Main street, West Side. Although Mr. Campbell had not been in his usual health the past few days his death was not expected. He was downtown Saturday and about 4.30 o'clock stated he was not feeling well and went to his room. He was conscious up until the last. Services were held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Wagoner residence with Rev. J. L. Proudfit, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Following the services the funeral party left on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie train leaving the West Side station at 2.25 o'clock for West Newton, where the interment took place.

Mr. Campbell was the first passenger on the Baltimore & Ohio train running from Layton to Connellsville. He was born February 14, 1830, on the George Washington farm near Perryopolis. His parents were the late William and Mary Austin Campbell. Mr. Campbell was married in Uniontown in 1857 to Mary Elizabeth Gaddis. To the union five daughters and two sons were born. The surviving children are John W. Campbell and Robert B. Campbell, both of West Newton; Mrs. Elma E. Wagoner, Mrs. Sallie B. Piersol, and Mrs. Florence McDonald, all of Connellsville. He is also survived by seven grandchildren as follows: James Campbell, son of John Campbell; Paul G. Wagoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wagoner; Mary, Edith and Emma, daughters of Robert Campbell; Curtis L. Piersol, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Piersol, and Margaret McDonald, daughter of Mrs. Florence McDonald, and three brothers, Ruben Bailey Campbell, of Rosemond, Ill.; Samuel Campbell, of New Salem, and Clark Campbell of the West Side.

Mr. Campbell was a member of the Redstone Presbyterian Church of near Fayette City. He was born and reared a Quaker. In 1851 he moved to West Newton and in 1903 he located in Connellsville. In his younger days he was engaged in farming and for many years was an "old pike" boy, hauling merchandise from Brownsville to Cumberland.

Rev. J. L. Proudfit, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated at the funeral of Caleb Campbell held Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the home of a son-in-law of the deceased, A. E. Wagoner in Main street, West Side. The services were attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives of the deceased and a delegation of about fifty accompanied the body to West Newton, where the interment, which was private, took place in Washington cemetery. The floral tributes were numerous and handsome. The pallbearers were William H. Thomas, C. B. McCormick, J. P. Bute, G. L. Armstrong, T. Scott Dunn, and William McKenery, the latter of West Newton. Among the out-of-town persons attending were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Glenn of Youngstown, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Campbell of New Salem; Mr. and Mrs. John Blaney and son Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Essington, and Mrs. Ada Wolfe of Perryopolis, and James Essington of Uniontown.

MRS. JANE GUILER.

Mrs. Jane Wallace Guiler, widow of Andrew Guiler, died Friday morning of apoplexy at the home of her son-in-law, J. L. Kendall, in Pittsburg. Mrs. Guiler went to Pittsburg about two weeks ago to remain at the Kendall home, during the absence of Mr. Kendall and her daughter, who are in Florida. When leaving her home here she was in her usual health. Wednesday morning her son, John A. Guiler was summoned to Pittsburg by his mother's illness and when leaving Pittsburg yesterday morning her condition was improved and was not considered serious. Later she suffered apoplexy which resulted in her death.

Mrs. Guiler was in her 75th year. She was born at Curfew, Pa., a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wallace. She was married at Perryopolis to Andrew Guiler, and for forty years had been a resident of Connellsville. Her husband died ten years ago. Mrs. Guiler resided on Johnston avenue and was one of the most widely known and highly respected residents of this city. She was also well known in and about Flatwoods. Since girlhood she had been a member of the Baptist Church at Flatwoods.

In addition to two children, John A. Guiler of Connellsville, and Kathryne Kendall, wife of J. L. Kendall of Pittsburg. She is also survived by one brother, Jarrett Wallace, who resides on the old home place at Curfew.

FRANK L. HIXENBAUGH.

Frank Leslie Hixenbaugh died Wednesday at 2.30 o'clock at his home at Perryopolis. Funeral Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics in charge. Deceased was a son of Geacher Hixenbaugh, who died March 28, 1895. He was twice married. His first wife was Clara Lynch. Her death occurred October 4, 1895. He is survived by his second wife, one daughter, Clara M. Hixenbaugh, his mother, Mrs. Emily Hixenbaugh, and the following brothers: Halleck Hixenbaugh, Roy E. Hixenbaugh, William R. Hixenbaugh, all of Dallas, Iowa; Charles C. Hixenbaugh, of Minden, W. Va.; George G. Hixenbaugh and Thomas H. Hixenbaugh, both of Perryopolis, and one sister, Mrs. Anna M. Hassen, of New Castle.

JOSEPH NEWCOMER.

Word has been received here of the death of Joseph Newcomer, who died at his home in Davenport, Ia., at the age of 90 years. The interment took place Wednesday, February 9, in Dayton, O. Mr. Newcomer was born near Bethel church, Lower Tyrone township, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Newcomer. Mr. Newcomer and his brother John, in their younger days, conducted a dry goods store in Connellsville, and were well known among the older residents of the city.

Joseph Newcomer was the youngest child of the family, and his death marks the last of the family. The greater part of his life was spent at Dayton. He married Miss Margaret Gephart of Dayton, a member of a prominent family of that city. Two daughters survive, Mrs. G. M. Lee and Mrs. E. F. Cooper of Dayton. Deceased was an uncle of Dr. G. W. Newcomer, Mrs. W. O. Foley and Mrs. S. S. Stahl, all of Connellsville. He was a devout member of the Christian Church.

MISS ELIZABETH COCHRAN.

Miss Elizabeth Cochran, 91 years old, the oldest resident of Dawson, and one of the founders of the Methodist Episcopal Church at that place, died Saturday at 1.15 o'clock at her home, following an illness of six weeks. Miss Cochran up until that time was in her usual health. Funeral from the Cochran Memorial Methodist Church at Dawson, Tuesday morning at 10.30 o'clock, with Rev. H. A. Baum, the pastor, officiating. Interment in Cochran cemetery. Miss Cochran was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cochran, and has a wide connection of relatives in and about Dawson. She was a sister of the late James Cochran of Dawson, and had spent all her life at Dawson and vicinity. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Nancy Cochran. Deceased was known by virtually every man, woman and child of Dawson and was better known to many of her friends as "Aunt Lizzie" Cochran.

SAMUEL A. CARSON.

Samuel A. Carson, 71 years old, died February 23 at his home near Perryopolis. Mr. Carson was born December 6, 1844, a son of David and Nancy Chambers Carson and had spent practically all his life in the house where he died.

Deceased is survived by the following sisters: Misses Elizabeth, Rachel, Melissa and Anna B. Carson, all of Perryopolis; Miss Kate Carson and Mrs. Floyd Lynch of Woodlawn, and two brothers, Asa Carson of near Youngstown, O., and David Carson of Banning.

MRS. HANNAH WRIGHT.

Mrs. Hannah Wright, 75 years old, widow of John J. Wright, died last Thursday at 1 o'clock at her home at Pennsville. Mrs. Wright resided virtually all her life at and near Pennsville. Funeral from the home Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock and from the Mount Olive United Brethren Church at 2 o'clock. Deceased is survived by the following children: David Wright, of near Frittstown, Mrs. W. L. Marshall of Pennsville; Mrs. Kate Brinker and Mrs. Christ Crossland of Connellsville, And Mrs. Ellen Anthony of Greensburg.

MRS. MARY STRICKLER.

Amelia Armstrong Strickler, wife of Henry Strickler, a well known farmer of Rostraver township, living out about three miles from Smithton, died after a brief illness Feruary 22. She was aged about 60 years, and was well known in this section, where she had a number of relatives.

About 30 years ago the Stricklers lived on a farm, a mile from Owensdale, and which farm they sold to the late Lewis E. Keller when they bought another farm and moved to Rostraver township. Besides her husband, several sons and daughters are left.

MARY B. HUSTON.

Mary B. Huston, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Huston, colored, died Sunday. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon. Interment in Hill Grove cemetery.

FREDERICK H. FLOTO.

Frederick H. Floto, the one-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Floto, died Saturday night at the family residence at Pleasant Unity. The body was brought to Connellsville and removed by Funeral Director C. C. Mitchell to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. David Stillwagon, grandparents of the deceased. Services were held Monday afternoon with Rev. E. B. Burgess, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment in Hill Grove cemetery. The child was also a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Floto of this city.

STEPHEN DANKO.

Stephen Danko, the one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Danko died Monday at the family residence in Leisenring No. 1.

MRS. GERTRUDE HYER.

Mrs. Gertrude Sisler Hyer of Uniontown, 35 years old, died Sunday afternoon in the Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland, O., following an operation for a goitre. The body arrived in Uniontown Monday afternoon and services were held from the home of a brother of the deceased, H. Raymond Sisler, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Deceased was a sister of H. Playford of Dickerson Run.

MRS. MARGARET SMITH.

Mrs. Margaret Waggoner Smith, 86 years old, died Monday at her home at Brownsville following a stroke of apoplexy.

MRS. MELISSA JACKSON.

Mrs. Melissa J. Jackson, a resident of Fayette county all her life, died Monday at her home in Uniontown. She is survived by her husband, one daughter and two sons.

MRS. LAURA V. RISBECK.

Mrs. Laura V. Risbeck, 50 years old, died Monday at her home in South Brownsville following a lingering illness. Deceased is survived by the following children: John Risbeck of Fargo, N. D., Earl Risbeck of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Mrs. George B. Caine of Brownsville.

REMOVES OBSTACLE.

Cellar Door Which Blocked Alley to be Taken Away.

A. W. Cottom has agreed to tear away the cellar entrance in the alley at the rear of the Cottom apartments on North Pittsburg street. His attention was called to this by Street Commissioner William McCormick who found that the cellar door blocked the alley, making it impossible for a team to get through.

The owner has consented to construct a door to the cellar that will not obstruct traffic.

Dittman Guilty.

Charles E. Dittman Sr., president of the Waynesburg Home Gas Company, was found guilty on the charges of having violated his nuptial vows and of being the father of a 10-weeks-old babe of Pearl Ross, aged 23, of Waynesburg. He was tried in Pittsburg.

BOB JONES TALKS TO BIGGEST CROWD OF THE CAMPAIGN

People Turned Away From Tabernacle at the Evening Service.

A TILT ON THE PLATFORM

Rev. E. B. Burgess Defends Masons Who are Censured by Evangelist for Not Attending Service in a Body; A Busy Week is Outlined.

The question of the Masons attending a special service in the tabernacle tonight resulted in a platform controversy between Bob Jones and Rev. Ellis B. Burgess, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church at Sunday afternoon's meeting. Rev. Burgess defended the Masons for their refusal to violate a law of their order. He did not take his place on the platform at last evening's service.

Bob Jones expressed his resentment because the Masons had declined to attend his service in a body. He declared this was the first city in the 25 states he has visited that they have refused.

"I know something about Masonry and am familiar with the Pennsylvania law, and I thoroughly endorse the law governing the Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania. It is similar to the law in a number of other states. The Masonic Lodge cannot come as a lodge to this tabernacle without violating the law of Pennsylvania. We have not asked them to come as a lodge."

He referred to a committee of Masons holding a banquet this week which conflicted with the tabernacle campaign.

"I don't wish to be understood as denouncing Masonry or the law of Pennsylvania governing Masonic Lodges. I am thoroughly in accord with both. But, I do resent the spirit of a few Masons in this city who have, without any grounds for their position, made trouble for our Masonic committee, and have queered this proposition."

Rev. Burgess took exception to the evangelist's statement. He replied to Bob Jones as follows:

"I am a past master of the Masonic Lodge and I am under obligation to protect my fellow Masons from anything said face to face, or at their back. I wish to say that the men who have interfered with your program have not done so with a desire to spoil these meetings. They follow their conscience and their knowledge of Masonry.

"About eight or nine years ago, I invited the Masons to Trinity Church for a divine service. They declined my invitation, because it was not permitted by the Masonic head of the state of Pennsylvania.

"These men are my friends. If they are not, then I do not know what a friend is. They have not refused to accept the invitation with a desire to injure you, sir."

"Brother Burgess, I am sure of my position," retorted Bob Jones. "I had a conference with some of the ministers and these pastors here agree with me. I would like to say to Mr. Burgess that I am a Mason and I know what I am talking about."

Swinging into the second week of his campaign here yesterday, Evangelist Bob Jones addressed the largest crowd of the revival at the tabernacle last night. Every seat was taken, some were compelled to stand, and others left when they saw there were no seats. The congregation was conservatively estimated at 4,500.

That the appeal for converts is not far off was indicated by several turns of the meeting last night. In the first place Bob Jones announced that between now and next Sunday would be the warmest days of the entire campaign and he also requested those of the congregation who had accepted Jesus, and those who wished prayers, to stand. Several hundred stood in response to his first appeal and the number was augmented considerably by those whose rising indicated their desire for prayers.

In honor of the veterans, the entire assemblage rose and sang "America," while Loren Jones, who stated that his father had been a colonel of the 44th Ohio Regiment in the war, pinned on a small flag presented to him as a Son of a Veteran. Tremendous volume was given to the singing of the national anthem by the 4,500 or more voices.

After Rev. Curtis had outlined the program for the week, Bob Jones came forward and elaborated upon the events his associate had announced. "The hottest week begins tomorrow night," he said. "I have a number of important messages for you, different from any others I shall present to you here." Paying a tribute to the old veterans, the evangelist asked, "Did any of you fight in the battle of Chickamauga?" None of them had, for no hands were raised. "I didn't know," observed Jones. "Somebody shot my father in that battle and I've been looking for him ever since."

"I thank God for peace in this country today," Jones declared. "I have never yet found an old soldier who wanted any more war. They know what it is and they've had plenty."

Referring to the collections, the evangelist stated that last week's offerings went $37 beyond his stakes. The afternoon contribution was not up to expectations, he declared. "You are doing very well," he said, "but you can do better. I'd like to raise enough this week to cover the expenses so we won't have to take up any more collections."

"When I first thought of entering the ministry," he said, "I went to a friend and told him about it. He said, 'Going to preach, are you? Well, if you tell them the truth you won't be very popular.' He was right."

Referring to the life of McKinley the evangelist pointed him out as an example of the popular idol who is soon forgotten after his death. "Yet you'll go back on God for the sake of a few miserable plaudits.

"Giving up things is not going to save anyone," Jones declared. "A man may give up drinking and not get to heaven. He can give up lots of other things but it won't save him. It's getting Jesus that saves."

The song service preceding the meeting was inspiring, the choir never singing better. Loren Jones sang the "Sextette" from "Lucia," arranged for religious use. Little Margaret Joan Gilbert sang a solo before the 4,500 persons. The chorus of "Sweeter, as the Days Go By," was her selection. Though she wasn't quite sure of the words when it came to the end, her childish treble could be heard some distance.

The prayer was made by F. H. Everingham, secretary of the Dickerson Run Y. M. C. A.

Joe Hood, John Passalaqua with their violins, and J. W. Buttermore with his cornet, assisted in the music at night.

The demonstration when the G. A. R. veterans arrived was long and enthusiastic. There were about 15 veterans, 15 Sons of Veterans and 23 members of the Ladies' Circle. A prominent figure among the veterans was F. M. Cunningham of Ohiopyle, chaplain of the Fayette County Veterans' Association.

About 3,500 persons braved the inclement weather yesterday afternoon to hear Evangelist Jones deliver a powerful sermon on personal work, in which he told the church members of their lack of spirit in trying to save souls, of their selfishness, too much dignity and of not enough having given themselves to God.

"I do not mean to ask people to go to church. I am taking it for granted that you are a Christian. I wonder if a person asked you what he could do to be saved if you could tell them. Most persons who call themselves Christians have never given themselves to Christ. You have just enough religion to worry yourself to death."

"Selfishness is back of everything," he continued. "It causes trouble in the home and many other places. There are men in this city who are dying for the lack of help. There are drunkards here in this city because they have nobody to help them. There are men in this city who the preachers cannot reach. Did you ever stop to think if you are doing your dead level best? You cannot do anybody's work but your own. You cannot do two men's work."

Following the services a short consecration service was held during which time members of the choir, pastors, and others in the rear of the church assembled in the front part of the church when Evangelist Jones asked how many persons in the audience could say, "I have accepted Jesus Christ, but I know I have not given Jesus the best I have, but hereafter I will put God first in my life." Many persons took this pledge. Short prayers were offered by many in the audience, and the brief meeting proved to be an interesting feature of the afternoon's services.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Rev. D. C. White, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Vanderbilt. The singing yesterday afternoon by the great chorus choir under the direction of Loren Jones was unusually good. The Sunbeams and Moonbeams bet better in their singing each day, and in many instances their little voices can be heard in all parts of the great tabernacle.

This week is scheduled to be the busiest of the tabernacle services. Tonight a delegation from Scottdale will attend. Tuesday night the Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters and the Men's Bible classes will attend. Wednesday night the Youth Tent, Knights of the Maccabees, the Ladies' Benefit Association of the Maccabees and the Women's Bible Classes will attend in a body. Thursday night the Odd Fellows will attend having put in a request for 500 reserved seats. Friday night a sermon for women will be delivered by Evangelist Jones. Services will be held in the tabernacle Friday afternoon for the children of the graded schools from the third grade up. Children of the grade schools of Dunbar, Vanderbilt, Dawson and other nearby schools are invited. An effort will be made by the laymen of the outside churches to provide the pupils from their schools with street car fare. Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Evangelist Jones will preach at the tabernacle to men only.

The collections Sunday totaled $181.27. In the afternoon the pans yielded $72.54 and at night, $108.73.

WANT STOPS MADE

Petition Out to Have Duquesne Take Ohiopyle Passengers.

A petition was in circulation here Saturday asking that the Duquesne Limited, eastbound of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad stop at Ohiopyle each night during the summer months. At present the Duquesne will stop only for Pittsburg passengers to alight and sometimes on Saturday nights on request of a number of passengers from Connellsville.

In the summer months it would be a big convenience to Connellsville campers who spend the night at Ohiopyle to be able to go up on the Duquesne instead of on No. 56 which leaves here at 5 o'clock. It would also enable Ohiopyle people to run down in the afternoon to do their shopping and return within a few hours.

Mayor Marietta and members of the city council head the petition with their signatures. S. S. Clark is circulating the paper.

BABY WEEK HERE.

Special Program Will be Carried Out by Woman's Culture Club.

National Baby Week will be observed March 4 to 11. The Women's Culture Club and Cuthbertson & Company are fathering the movement here and arrangements have been made for a 15-minute lecture at the store by Dr. T. R. Francis each day. Books and other literature calculated to reduce infant mortality will be distributed.

The meetings will begin at 2 o'clock and will be over in time for the women to attend the tabernacle service if they wish.

Statistics show that one baby in every five dies in this country. In Germany one in every 30 succumbs.

182 Measles Cases.

While Connellsville is figuring that it had a real epidemic of measles, along comes the Mount Pleasant health office with a report of 182 cases of this disease for the month ending February 25.

OVERHEAD BRIDGE WILL BE BUILT AT ONCE FOR DAWSON

General Manager Yohe Announces the Approval of County Plans.

WORK WILL BE STARTED SOON

Dangerous Crossing Over the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Tracks is to be Eliminated; County and the Railroad to Share in the Expense.

Work on the construction of an overhead bridge at Dawson, thereby eliminating the dangerous grade crossing over the Dickerson Run yard tracks, is to be started in the near future. Announcement was made at Dickerson Run Thursday by General Manager J. B. Yohe that the plans for this improvement have been approved by the railroad and will shortly be submitted to the county commissioners, when the final details will be arranged. The railroad and the county will divide the expense.

The plans call for not only the raising of the bridge over the Youghiogheny river, but for the construction of a viaduct over the Dickerson Run branch to the Y. M. C. A. building. A new road will also be laid out from the Y. M. C. A. to replace the present one.

The elimination of the grade crossing at Dickerson Run has been urged for some time past. It has met with favor, both by the railroad and the county, but it is only recently that definite steps to that end have been taken.

County Commissioner Logan Rush said Friday that he understood the railroad officials and commissioners would get together within the next few days for the purpose of formulating a definite agreement. He stated that he understood the railroad's plans were ready to be submitted. The work would start, he said, as soon as the danger of spring freshets were past. The contract is a big one.

At the safety talk at Dickerson Run last night, Dr. H. . Bell voiced the sentiments of the Dawson community, cited instance after instance of persons being held up at the crossing for long periods because of trains shifting over the road.

General Manager Yohe expressed the conviction that the matter would be adjusted in a satisfactory manner in the near future.

PATRONS DAY

Special Program is Given at the Washington School.

Patrons' Day was observed Friday in the schools of Connellsville township. In addition to the regular work special programs were carried out in the presence of many visitors.

The program at Washington school was as follows: Opening song, Happy Greeting; song, "One Happy," "Patrons' Day," evangelist guest, address on Lincoln," Pearl Freeman. "What I Know About Lincoln," Rosella Brown, Lincoln song, by school, "The Young Hunter," J. L. Swink; "The Dead Robin," Aaron Minor. "The Three Bears," a play presented by pupils of room No. 1, recitation, "Lucy Gray," Bertha Napawatsky; recitation, "Liberty Bell," Lotta Stenger; "In Nursery Land," a play presented by the pupils of room No. 1; recitation, "Landing of the Pilgrims," Harry Lloyd; recitation "After Blenheim," Cable Gregory, song, "Revolutionary Days," a play presented by the pupils of room No. 2, "Washington" by pupils of room No. 2; song, "The Gingerbread Man," by pupils of room No. 1; "Making the Flag," by pupils of room No. 2; "Georgia Dearer," a play presented by pupils of room No. 1; remarks, by O. P. Moser, the principal; closing song, "Good Night."

RIDE PROVES COSTLY

McKeesport Youth Pays $8.82 for Trip to Connellsville.

Ordinarily the fare from McKeesport to Connellsville is $1.18, but a trip to this city on Thursday night cost Matthew Snyder $8.82 and will cost Robert Shannon and Michael O'Kennon 10 days in jail.

The three youths were arrested here late Thursday night by Baltimore & Ohio railroad officers charged with refusing to pay their fare and with disorderly conduct. They were arraigned before Mayor Marietta and committed to the city lockup for 72 hours in default of $5 fines.

An information charging trespass on a railroad train was brought by Captain Ludwig of the railroad police and they were given a hearing before Alderman Munk this morning. Snyder's mother came up from McKeesport Saturday and paid $1.18 carfare and $7.64 costs to secure her son's release. The others were compelled to go to jail for 10 days.

BUYS HOME HERE.

James List of Uniontown Takes Over McCormick Homestead.

The old McCormick homestead on North Pittsburg street has been sold to James A. List of Uniontown, a salesman for the Manson Heater Company. Mr. List and his mother will move from Uniontown in the near future and occupy their new home here.

The McCormick home has been unoccupied since Mrs. Mary M. Scott removed to Pittsburg several months ago.

Company D Rated Third.

Captain J. C. Herwick of Company D has received word that the command is rated third in general efficiency in the whole regiment and next to last in attendance. The latter low rating was due to the fact that many members of the company work in other towns and were unable to attend the recent inspection.

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AUTOISTS WORKING FOR A STATE ROAD EAST OF TOWN

Will Endeavor to Convince Highway Commissioner Improvement Should Be Made.

The Connellsville Automobile Club will endeavor to convince State Highway Commissioner Cunningham that the state road east of town should be extended during the coming season. Through the efforts of Representative Harry Horton a member of the club, a conference with the highway commissioner will likely be arranged, when a delegation will point out the need of the improvement. It is said that Mr. Cunningham was over the road recently. The matter of its improvement largely depends upon the amount of money available for building roads. This sum is not large.

Members of the automobile club will point to the fact that the state highway through Connellsville is the main route of travel to Pittsburg for those from Connellsville, Uniontown and the northern portion of West Virginia. In winter the road is virtually impassable. With the county building an improved road from Pennsville to Iron Bridge there will remain only an unimproved stretch between the stone bridge, east of town, to Pennsville. If this were improved there would be improved road the entire distance from Uniontown to Pittsburg.

There was no meeting of the automobile club Friday evening because of the lack of a quorum. President George A. Munson adjourned the informal session until next Saturday night, when officers will be elected.

IS FROZEN TO DEATH

Lifeless Body of Charles Trader is Found at Washington School.

The frozen body of Charles Trader, about 55 years old, was discovered Monday about 8 o'clock A. M. in the coal house at the Washington school by Peter Koontz, the janitor. Trader had been in poor health, it is said, and he is believed to have entered the building Saturday night, fell asleep and froze to death. There were no indications of foul play. Funeral Director J. E. Sims was notified and the body was removed to his establishment where it is being held pending the arrival of members of the family. His widow is ill at her home.

Mr. Trader was widely and favorably known in and about Connellsville. He was born on Pahase street and spent the greater part of his life here. Of late he had resided at Coalbrook. For a number of years he was employed by the H. C. Frick Coke Company. In addition to his widow he is survived by a family of grown children. A son, Charles Trader is yard boss for the H. C. Frick Coke Company at Juniata. Mr. Trader was a man of a quiet disposition and was highly respected by his wide circle of friends.

NABS SLED RIDERS

Score of Boys Warned Off Fayette Street by Chief Rottler.

About 20 boys caught sled-riding on the Fayette street hill were given a talking to by Chief of Police F. Rottler on Sunday night. Several boys were arrested and a crowd of coasters followed them down to city hall. Chief Rottler took advantage of this opportunity to tell them how dangerous the coasting is and to warn them that the chief had some other hill in the future.

William Hahn of 410 Murphy avenue was arrested on Saturday by Patrolman George Francis for coasting on Fourth street. Mayor Marietta gave some good advice when he appeared on Sunday morning.

This is the first attempt to regulate sled-riding this winter. Coasters have been taking all sorts of chances and so far no accidents have occurred.

NEWCOMER IS ACCUSED.

Former Jail Warden Gives Bail on Charges of Embezzlement.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 28.—Charged with embezzlement and larceny by bailee, E. Norton Newcomer, former warden of the county jail, gave bail before Alderman John Boyd for his appearance at a hearing later. Charles T. Hetzel appeared as the prosecutor.

Hetzel alleged that when he was transferred from the federal penitentiary to the county jail he asked to be named a trusty, and that Newcomer required that he post $1,000 cash as security. This he claims, he did, further alleging that when Newcomer retired as jail warden the money was not returned to him.

STUDENTS AS ACTORS.

Clarksonian Society of Dunbar School Produces Fairy Play.

Members of the Clarksonian literary society of the Dunbar high school produced "Maid of the Silver Slipper" Friday afternoon with considerable success. The various characters were all portrayed by the boys and girls assigned to them.

The cast included: Cinderella, Carrie Boyer; Prince Valiant, Enos McClaskey; Sir Henry Holiday, Robert Bufano; Julia, Margaret Hare; Fairy Godmother, Elizabeth Ziska, a page, Harold Smith.

On Friday afternoon, March 10, the two societies of the high school will hold a joint meeting.

MARRY IN UNIONTOWN

Mount Braddock and Brownsville Young People Are Wed.

Miss Margaret Spear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Spear of Percy and Stanley Shipley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shipley of Mount Braddock, were married yesterday afternoon at the parsonage of the First Methodist Protestant Church in Uniontown, Rev. R. L. Wilson, the pastor, officiating.

Miss Anna Belle Brown and Francis C. Wilson, both of Brownsville, were also married yesterday afternoon by Rev. Wilson. The bride was formerly an operator in the Pennsylvania railroad office at Brownsville.

New Store Manager.

K. F. Haines, who for some time has been manager of the Laughrey Drug Company, has tendered his resignation, and has been succeeded by William M. Paisley of Greensburg.

GOOD PROGRAMS FEATURE PATRONS DAY IN SCHOOLS

Springfield and Stewart Townships Have Interesting Programs.

POPLAR RUN HAS A BIG DAY

Connellsville Man is Speaker of the Occasion and Discusses Value of Patrons' Day; Special Observance at Three Maples and Bear Run.

Patrons' Day was observed Friday at Poplar Run school, Springfield township with an enjoyable entertainment arranged by the teacher, Miss Rose Steindl and presented by the pupils. The manner in which the program was rendered showed nature rehearsals by the pupils and careful training by the teacher. Too much credit cannot be given to the participants and Miss Steindl for the success of the entertainment. There were thirteen visitors and every number on the program was well received. The entertainment was one of the best presented in the district township. F. E. Younkin of Connellsville, the principal speaker spoke on "The Value of Patrons' Day and What Success and Bearing it Had on Patrons and Pupils." He told the pupils what they must do in order to become good citizens. Mr. Younkin's address was instructive and should prove very beneficial to the pupils.

The program presented was as follows:

Hymn, "Work for the Night is Coming," school, address of welcome, Eloise Hall, address, "Value of Patrons' Day," F. E. Younkin, recitation, "Playing Drunkard," Frances Rose, recitation "Married for Love," Emma Hall, recitation "The Little School Marm," Martha Firestone, recitation, "Howard's Wish," Russell Gallentine, recitation, "Grandpa's Aversion to Slang," Grace Grim, dialogue, "Mrs. Brown's Visitors," reading, Sarah Channing, recitation, "What a Boy Can Do," Henry Hall, recitation "Johnnie's Opinion of Grandmothers," George Firestone; recitation "That's Baby," Rosella Firestone, recitation, "The Sunbeam," Harold Gallentine, recitation "Harry's Dog," Russell Firestone, recitation, "The Rose," Hazel Gallentine, recitation, "Do Your Best," Edith Firestone, recitation, "The Old Spinster," Sarah Channing, recitation, "His Speech," Ira Firestone, recitation, "Poor Little Jim," Sarah Firestone; recitation "Which Knows the Most, Pause or I," Hazel Grim, dialogue, "Lucinda's Mistake," Abe Johnson, Lucinda Williams, recitation, "Uncle Pete's Sermon," Abe Johnson.

Three Maples school taught by George E. Skinner, Jr., also observed Patrons' Day. This school is called Three Maples to distinguish it from the Bear Run school. Both school houses are in the bounds of the old Whig Corner district, not more than a mile and half apart. Friday Patrons' Day was observed and a picnic dinner was held at the school house. Three school directors were present, Albert Friend, Thomas Bailey and John Stull. Visitors and patrons present were: Mrs. Annie McNair and daughter, Mabel, Miss Ida Bailey, Miss Pearl McFarland, Mrs. Bessie Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tissue, Mrs. Thomas Stark, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scadlet, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Skinner, M. C. Skinner and Harrison Stull. Some of the time was spent in singing school songs, violin and guitar music.

Bear Run school, taught by Miss Martha Heckler of Connellsville, observed Patrons' Day. In the afternoon there were recitations by the boys and girls, "Parents' Day," by Flossie Stark, "Washington and Lincoln," Addison Ohler, "Things Inside," Daisy Stull, song by school, "America," "Paul Revere's Ride," recited by Anna Tissue, "What We Owe to Washington," Gladys Tissue; flag salute, Christina Pick, "Lake Lincoln," Russell Woodmancy, song, "Shannon River," "Crossing the Bar," Leland Tissue, "A Lesson to America," Della Tissue, reading by Ada Tissue; "Children's Hour," Ida Stark, "Little Orphan Annie," Vernon Tissue, "Psalm of Life," Hattie Ohler; "The Arrow and the Song," Clyde Stark, "Barbara Frietchie," Nina Tissue; "Rides of Washington," Ida Stark; "Abraham Lincoln," Flossie Stark, "The Rainbow," Nevada Ohler; "The Captain's Daughter," Gladys Tissue, song, "My Old Kentucky Home." The teacher's mother, Mrs. Alice Heckler of Connellsville, and her uncle, J. B. Pyle of Idaho, were present. Two school directors, Albert Friend and John Stull, were also present. Those present were well pleased with the program carried out.

TWO CUTTING AFFRAYS.

The Victims Go to the Hospital for Treatment.

As the result of two cutting affrays Saturday night, one at Dawson and the other at Fitz Henry, Wilbert Brown colored of Dawson 21 years old, and Sam Youeshik of Fitz Henry 36 years old are at the Cottage State hospital, suffering from painful but not serious lacerations.

Brown, who is employed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, had his left ear cut and suffered lacerations of the face and forehead. He claims his assailant was Lee Parker.

Youeshik has a long cut of the leg and neck. He accused his boarding man of inflicting the wound with a knife.

TEACHER HURT.

Miss Martha Wilson Injured in Fall Down Cellar Steps.

Miss Martha Wilson of Breakneck, a teacher in the Greenwood school, fell down the cellar steps of her home on Friday evening, suffering a severe injury to her side. It was at first thought internal injuries might develop but this is unlikely now.

Miss Wilson will be unable to teach for some time.

EVERLINE TAKEN TO JAIL; STICKS TO ORIGINAL STORY

Prisoner Insists He was Showing Mrs. Ganier Revolver When Weapon Exploded.

Henry Everline, the farm hand who shot and seriously wounded Mrs. William A. Ganier on a farm near Coalbrook on Wednesday afternoon, was taken to the county jail at 8 o'clock Thursday by County Detective Joan Smith to await the outcome of Mrs. Ganier's wound. She is still in a critical condition at the Cottage State Hospital.

Interviewed by a Courier reporter at the jail this morning, Everline stuck to his first story that he had been showing Mrs. Ganier his revolver when it was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering her chest and passing through her body. He said he had had no trouble with the family. Soon after his arrest he stated that Mr. Ganier had threatened to shoot him and that he loaded his revolver to protect himself.

Everline denied that he had become despondent and threatened to shoot himself, and that Mrs. Ganier rushed at to stop him, thus diverting the shot toward herself. A rumor to this effect was current today. He also denied that he comes from a well known Pittsburg family and was graduated from a medical school. He came to this section from McKeesport, he said, where he worked as a day laborer.

Everline will not explain just why he was showing Mrs. Ganier his revolver.

PULLS A HOUSE

Policeman Barnes Takes Five Negroes Into Custody.

Called to a house on Grape alley by a colored man who alleged that another negro had threatened him with a razor, Patrolman John Barnes Sunday morning "pulled" the house and its inmates as a disorderly resort. Four negroes, three men and a woman, were arrested.

Walter Drew, 27, and Maud Mazie Drew, 23 were committed to the county jail by the mayor, the former for 10 days and the latter for 15 days. Efforts were being made this morning by their friends to secure money to pay their fines and prevent their incarceration.

Henry Campbell, 29, who is alleged to have threatened Drew was found lying across a bed in scant attire. He paid a fine of $5 and was released. Mary Brown, another inmate of the house was committed for 72 hours and John Smith for 48 hours.

In the lockup corridor Drew and Campbell later got into a fierce fight in which Drew was worsted. The scrappers were separated by Patrolman John Barnes and placed in separate cells.

TRAIN IS DELAYED

Tieup Forces Train No. 3 to Make a Long Detour.

A tieup in the line of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad between Fairmont and Clarksburg, caused train No. 3, running between Clarksburg and Pittsburg, to be an hour and twenty minutes late Monday. It was necessary to detour the train by way of Grafton, throwing it out of schedule.

Train No. 69, due here at 2:20 A. M. from Clarksburg, did not arrived yesterday until 7 o'clock in the morning. A freight wreck at Gan where three cars were derailed, caused the delay. Train No. 62, running from Pittsburg to Clarksburg, was held up by the wreck also and the passengers of the two trains were transferred. No. 62 running back as 69 and No. 69 going the other way as 62. This avoided a longer delay.

SEVEN ARE FINED.

Held Responsible for Disturbing a Spelling Bee.

Seven young men of Bullskin township were given hearings before Alderman L. Dunegan Saturday afternoon on a charge of disturbing a public meeting and malicious mischief. The defendants are James and Walter Knopsnider, John Pabian, George and Michael Geiorski, Norman Shipe and Steve Kosach. All plead guilty and paid a $10 fine apiece and the costs.

The fines were placed on them for damages to the Richhill church where they broke up chairs and kicked in doors while a spelling bee was held on January 29. The information was made against the men by Jacob Garlett, chairman of the church trustees.

Resigns Position.

Miss Pearl Wrote has resigned her position as stenographer for Boyts, Porter & Company to accept a similar position with Sam F. Hood & Company.

HEROIC MEASURES SAVE A CHILD FROM BLACK DIPHTHERIA

Unable to Get Aid, Leisenring Physician Uses Tube of Stethoscope.

LITTLE BOY WAS STRANGLING

Artificial Respiration Impossible from Any Other Source, Doctor Makes a Daring Experiment and It Proves Successful; Child Much Improved.

Heroic measures by Dr. Francis King of Leisenring No. 3 last week saved the life of Charles, the five year old son of William Harper, driver for the Union Supply store at that place. Called in when the child was practically choking to death as the result of black diphtheria, the physician called seven local surgeons for assistance in intubation, a means of securing artificial respiration by inserting a long tube into the patient's lungs through the throat.

Unable to secure aid, the physician was faced with the alternative of leaving the child die or use unusual methods to save it. Making an incision in the boy's throat, he cut a piece of rubber tube from his stethoscope and inserted it. The struggles for breath which had the little fellow black in the face ceased and its breathing soon became normal.

Today the little boy was considerably improved and his recovery is now considered by a matter of time. When the operation was performed, the physician states, he could lived hardly an hour.

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VISITATION DAY HELD IN FAYETTE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

All of Those of the County are Inspected by the Association.

A GOOD SHOWING IS MADE

List is Given of Those Who Were Assigned the Task of Visiting the Various Schools and Making a Report to be Considered in the Rating

Visitation Day was observed Sunday in all the Sunday schools all over Fayette county. Representatives from all over the county visited the different Sunday schools and the attendance at all the schools was unusually large.

Visitation Day is observed annually and each year proves more successful.

The following assignments were carried out:

District No 1—Point Marion Christian G M Griffin Bunker Hill Union G M Griffin Oak Grove Christian L H Fowler, Cheat Haven Point Marion Baptist, Miss Emma Dillinger Point Marion Point Marion Methodist Protestant Miss L Jean Robinson, Cheat Haven, Point Marion Methodist Episcopal, Dr B K Con Point Marion Mount Moriah Presbyterian J C Shouf, Smithfield New Geneva Presbyterian Mrs L E Evans Point Marion Oak Hill Baptist K B Evans Point Marion Free Methodist Earl Morgan Outcrop Fallen Timber Methodist Protestant, Jesse H Oils, New Geneva Springhill Presbyterian Simeon McClain Point Marion Gans Methodist Protestant Simeon McClain Point Marion Old Frame Presbyterian J B Black Point Marion New Geneva Baptist J B Black Point Marion Cheat Haven Trinity Lutheran L L Evans Point Marion Shee's Hill Union L L Evans Point Marion Bowood Union Prof J T King Smithfield

Connellsville District No 2—South Connellsville Evangelical Joseph McConnell, Connellsville St John's German Lutheran Miss Amy J Porter Scottdale Trinity Reformed Joseph McConnell Connellsville First United Presbyterian Grover Leapline Connellsville First Methodist Protestant Miss Ella Sivitts Connellsville First Methodist Episcopal Miss Amy J Porter Scottdale First Baptist and City Union Mission Joseph Laughrey Connellsville First Christian Mrs A B Seaman South Connellsville Trinity Lutheran Miss Beulah Gillmore Connellsville Salvation Army Miss Frances Rhodes Connellsville First Presbyterian and Rock Ridge Union S B Henry Connellsville United Brethren Paul Leighley Connellsville

Smithfield District No 3—Shouf Union G M Scott Fairchance Walnut Hill Methodist Episcopal A M Frederick Jr Fairchance Haydentown Union Miss Clara O Davis Smithfield Grace Chapel Presbyterian Leonard Hickel Fairchance Smithfield Presbyterian and Mount Moriah Baptist Miss Nancy Trider Uniontown R D 1, Woodbridge Union Prof J F King Smithfield Smithfield Methodist Episcopal Earl Morgan Outcrop Tent Presbyterian and Fairchance Church of Brethren A A Moser Smithfield Fairchance Methodist Episcopal G L Conn Smithfield Fairchance Baptist and Presbyterian Leon Rinehart Lamberton Oliphant Free Methodist and White Rock Methodist Protestant F B Wheelery Smithfield Fairchance Free Methodist E L Harford Uniontown Brownfield Methodist Protestant and Collier Union John J Mize New Salem Hutchison Methodist Episcopal William McIntyre Fairchance Fairchance Methodist Protestant William McIntyre Fairchance

Perryopolis District No 4—Whitsett Union and Star Junction Methodist Episcopal Joseph A Strickler Dickerson Run Banning Methodist Episcopal and Flatwoods Baptist Prof Edward Ramsier Perryopolis Layton Methodist Episcopal Edmund Martin Perryopolis Perryopolis Christian Miss Fern Carson Perryopolis Jackson Union Herman L Duff Perryopolis Star Junction Baptist Term Martin Perryopolis Harmony Presbyterian Victor Francis Perryopolis Perryopolis Methodist Episcopal Mrs B I Carson Star Junction

Masontown District No 5—Gallatin Union Cyrus A Flesher Edenborn McClellandtown Presbyterian Prof I S Hogue Masontown Leckrone Union Fessie Hostettler McClelland town Fairview Church of Brethren A M Franks, Messmore Masontown Presbyterian Iden Vail McClelland town Mount Sterling Union Miss Ette Ross Masontown Masontown Methodist Episcopal and Gates Union Howard L Soxman Ronco Ronco Union Ira W Ross Masontown Martin Union A G Smart Ronco Lambert Union Cyrus Flesher Edenborn Jacobs Lutheran Louis Dufaney Lamberton Masontown Mennonite Miss Nellie Franks Lamberton Dearthtown Union, J T McCracken Edenborn Hoover Union Miss Pearl Hostettler McClellandtown Masontown Brethren, A S Mechling Ronco

Fayette City District No 6—Marion Presbyterian I I Sears Belleverneon Bellevernon Methodist Episcopal and East Bellevernon Union H I Lwig Bellevernon Bellevernon Presbyterian D D Wadkins South Brownsville Newell Methodist Episcopal and Fricedale Union A P Cameron Bellevernon Little Redstone Presbyterian F I Bake Fayette City Naomi Union and Fairview Methodist Episcopal R G Knight Fayette City Bellevernon Baptist and Christian Leighty Steen Bellevernon Fox Union and Fayette City Methodist Episcopal F H Murray Newell Albany Evangelical Association H F Pierce Brownsville Fayette City Presbyterian Paul DeNoon Fayette City Gillespie Union Henry Ekstrom Fayette City Little Redstone Methodist Episcopal Samuel McKean Bellevernon

Brownsville District No 7—Brownsville Baptist and Coaldale Union, Mrs Alice U Cox New Salem, Tower Hill Union and Allison Union Mrs J H Collins Uniontown Central Presbyterian H B Pierce Brownsville, South Brownsville Methodist Episcopal A P Cameron Bellevernon Dunlaps Creek Presbyterian Prof D D Watkins, South Brownsville East Millsboro Union and First Presbyterian E B Martin Connellsville Finzell Union and Brownsville Evangelical Association Mrs L W McVey, Brownsville Howell Presbyterian and West Bend Methodist Episcopal J W Dawson Uniontown South Brownsville Christian and Newtown Christian Frank Snider Uniontown First Methodist Episcopal Mrs Charles K Keibler South Brownsville Christ Church Episcopal Miss Ruth Fee Brownsville Oak Hill Union and Republic Union J W Bingamon Dunbar

Uniontown District No 8—Great Bethel Baptist Leighty Steen Bellevernon Central Christian and Mount Vernon Methodist Episcopal William M Thompson Uniontown First Brethren Frank Vandell Hopwood First Methodist Episcopal Dr H J Bell Dawson Third Presbyterian A G Smart Ronco Second Methodist Protestant Miss Miriam Detwiler Uniontown Downer Union Miss Jessie Williams Uniontown Second Presbyterian First Presbyterian and Salvation Army N R Lyons Mount Pleasant St Paul's Lutheran A G Smart Ronco, Free Methodist G S Seese Uniontown First Methodist Protestant Albert Gaddis Uniontown Church of Brethren Miss Elizabeth Davis Uniontown St Peter's Episcopal Miss Dorothy Phillips Uniontown Continental No 2 Union and Hopwood Christian W I Hutson Uniontown Revere Union Gilbert Kerr Uniontown Hopwood Methodist Protestant I George Dunn Uniontown

Markleysburg District No 9—Van Sickle Union M N Thomas Markleysburg Johnson Chapel Methodist Episcopal and Union Chapel Union G W Criss Somerfield Pleasant View Church of Brethren J C Spurgeon Somerfield Markleysburg Union H C Shaw Confluence Conn Valley Methodist Episcopal South J J Grelion Markleysburg

Ohiopyle District No 10—Maple Summit Church of God H H Woodmancy Bidwell Ohiopyle Baptist and Ohiopyle Methodist Episcopal H C Show Confluence Meadow Run Methodist Episcopal Miss Eliza Show Ohiopyle Sugar Loaf Union E B Woodmancy [illegible] Kentuck Union Wesley Pressler Ohiopyle

Mill Run District No 11—Indian Creek Baptist Prof G K Tricks Mill Run Mill Run United Brethren Mrs G K Tricks Mill Run Indian Creek Union P S Kemp [illegible] Mill Run Clay Run Union Mrs E S Kerr Mill Run Normalville United Brethren [illegible] Normalville Hampton Union Walter Worthington Mill Run Normalville Methodist Episcopal W H Miner Mill Run Hickman Chapel Baptist [illegible] Kreppa Mill Run

Everson District No 12—Everson United Brethren C N Etwrer Connellsville Jacobs Creek Methodist Episcopal Marion H [illegible] Connellsville [illegible] Evans [illegible] and [illegible] United Evangelical L M Anderson Scottdale Moore Memorial United Brethren [illegible] Mount Olive United Brethren Allen Shallenberger Owensdale [illegible] Union and First End Union Harry Hebenthal Stauffer Mount Carmel United Evangelical Connellsville W Koos Connellsville Poplar Grove Evangelical Association Miss [illegible] Connellsville Owensdale United Brethren Lawrence [illegible] Scottdale Mount Zion United Evangelical [illegible] Broken Church of God [illegible] King Scottdale [illegible] Mrs G M Burns Everson Fairview United Brethren Nora Detwiler Connellsville

Farmington District No 13—Sansom Chapel Methodist Episcopal F H Phillips Farmington Mount Washington Presbyterian Mrs Maggie M McCullough Farmington Church of Brethren W I Kemp Farmington Shaffer Union Roy Weller Farmington Church of Brethren Thomas McCartney Farmington

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Colored District No 18—Mount Lebanon Baptist Brownsville Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Brownsville Mount Olivet Baptist Uniontown and John Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Uniontown R W Sanders Connellsville Ivy African Methodist Episcopal Connellsville and Wick Haven Baptist Ansell Chambers Vanderbilt Rocky Mount Baptist Connellsville Mrs R D Epps Connellsville Highland Baptist, Connellsville and St Paul Baptist Vanderbilt James W Strange Connellsville Spear Street African Methodist Episcopal Belle Vernon Harry Ross Belle Vernon St Paul's African Methodist Episcopal Uniontown Mrs Bertha Massey Uniontown Mount Rose Baptist Uniontown Mrs Gertrude Crable Uniontown Zion Travelers Baptist Elm Grove Clinton Johnson Connellsville Union Baptist Mrs R D Epps Connellsville Mount Zion Baptist Connellsville Mrs C W Sanders Connellsville Star Baptist Vanderbilt William [illegible] Connellsville Mount Calvary Baptist Fairchance M L Meredith Uniontown Fairdale African Methodist Episcopal Mrs K K Robinson Belle Vernon

HIGH PRESSURE CAUSES LEAKS IN WATER MAINS

Water Company Has Troubles of Its Own Several Street Flooded by the Leaks

[illegible] with [illegible] the streets and making slush of the snow have put some [illegible] almost impassible [illegible] [illegible] between the [illegible] Stauffer building on South Pittsburg street [illegible] and [illegible] the south side of Main street [illegible] accumulation of snow and [illegible] on this side of Main street [illegible] the slush [illegible] in the thick.

A leak on [illegible] was [illegible] just east of [illegible] the same condition exists [illegible] The [illegible] combined with [illegible] has caused that [illegible] person coming down the avenue from [illegible] flush covering half of the [illegible] the paving making it impossible to [illegible] without going [illegible] deep. The sewer drops put in last [illegible] not take [illegible] water.

Unusually high pressure [illegible] main lines [illegible] is believed to have caused the breaks. Those in the service lines [illegible] were slight [illegible].

MAYOR WANTS TO KNOW

Tired of Hearing About Police Matters Through Newspapers

Mayor Marietta wants to know what is going on in his police department. Last Thursday he directed that all constables [illegible] be brought before him for trial.

"I want to know what's going on," the mayor told Chief [illegible] Rottler. "[illegible] and hold them till the constables pay [illegible] to get them out."

Recently [illegible] in the city hall. No report was made by the night police and the mayor knew nothing of it until he saw an account in the newspapers. None of the day police knew anything yesterday of the circumstances of the charge against Henry Everline who was locked up for shooting Mrs William Ganier and the mayor was told nothing of the matter.

Now the mayor has decided to try all prisoners and find out for himself what is the trouble.

LOST IN DENSE FOG

Indian Creek Valley Man Loses Bearings Near Own Home

One of the densest fogs ever known enveloped the Indian Creek Valley on Wednesday morning. [illegible] M Illig a farmer who lives some distance up the valley went out early in the morning to visit a neighbor some distance away. After he had proceeded some distance a gust of wind extinguished his lantern.

After proceeding a short way without his light Mr Illig discovered that he was hopelessly lost. Shouting himself hoarse he finally attracted the attention of some other farmers and he was given his proper bearings. He had gotten lost within sight of his own home.

BOXING RIB BROKEN

Mount Pleasant Councilman Shows Firemen How to Use Gloves

Councilman L P Coltsmith of Mount Pleasant undertook to show some of the firemen of that town a few points of the boxing game at their social rooms in the municipal building several nights ago. His opponents may not have been scientific but they had the punch for Mr Coltsmith has discovered that he suffered a fractured rib.

The firemen have equipped their rooms with a punching bag, boxing gloves and other athletic equipment and physical culture exhibitions are common now.

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SAFETY RALLY IS HELD AT DICKERSON RUN Y. M. C. A.

Officials Participate in Elaborate Program Arranged by the Permanent Committee There

A rally of the Dickerson Run Permanent Safety First Committee was held Thursday night in the Y M C A Building at that place officials and employes of both the Western Maryland and Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroads attending. Talks on safety first and first aid to the injured were given and officials of the roads made short speeches.

The auditorium of the building was crowded to the limit twice the number that it could seat attending. Music was rendered by the Y M C A orchestra which played several selections between talks. A ladies quartet composed of Mrs H [illegible] Mrs [illegible] Parsons Miss Margaret Rush and Mrs Alverta Snyder and a male quartet A I Knight [illegible] M Stephens [illegible] and [illegible] sang several selections.

General Manager [illegible] of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad made a few remarks. He said he had come on a special train from Pittsburg to attend the rally but could not enjoy it [illegible] when he had walked from the [illegible] to Dickerson Run [illegible] years ago to take charge of the Youth division [illegible] then known as the [illegible].

Dr [illegible] Bell [illegible] talked on [illegible] and the first aid [illegible] Superintendent [illegible] First Aid [illegible] the General Safety Agent [illegible] gave [illegible] methods [illegible] the different [illegible] treatments [illegible].

Letters of regret were received from [illegible] M Schoonmaker who is recovering from an illness and is spending a short vacation in Florida [illegible] General Superintendent S Ennis of the Western Maryland [illegible] who is in New York [illegible] Schuster who was [illegible] sent regrets.

NO BIG RECEPTION

Business Men Not Phased with Schedule of Philadelphians

[illegible] business men [illegible] the Philadelphia [illegible] when they visit Connellsville on [illegible] Scottdale [illegible] March 8. The [illegible] of the visitors [illegible] business [illegible] will arrive [illegible] March 7 [illegible] Philadelphia's wants [illegible] glimpse [illegible] they will [illegible].

The visitors special train will pass through here over the Pennsylvania [illegible] time [illegible] Arriving [illegible] Monday evening will [illegible] at the [illegible] the [illegible] while the visitors [illegible] the night [illegible] the train will [illegible] Pittsburg [illegible] morning.

The visitors [illegible] spend [illegible] days [illegible] evening [illegible] except [illegible] the [illegible] of the state.

TEAMSTERS ORGANIZE

They Form Union and Announce Increase in Rates

At a meeting of teamsters Thursday evening in the [illegible] Park Building a union was organized by electing Harry Dull president [illegible] Armstrong vice president Joseph [illegible] secretary and [illegible] treasurer. At [illegible] meeting a temporary organization was formed and it was decided to raise the price of a team per day to $5.00 owing to the high price of shelled feed and the increase in the price of labor.

The price for hauling [illegible] has been raised from $1.00 to $1.50 and the increase in the price of hauling was necessary on the part of the teamsters. Price of a team hired by the hour will be [illegible] cents per hour.

Other rates for hauling will be as follows: Coal from the [illegible] cents per bushel an increase of about half a cent; coal from [illegible] Company [illegible] cents per bushel; coal from the Poplar Grove mine [illegible] cents per bushel. The increases will go into effect March 1. The meeting was well attended.

TO ENLARGE FACTORY

Dynamite Caps to be Made in Large Quantities Near Scottdale

SCOTTDALE, Feb [illegible]—Information [illegible] that the dynamite cap factory located between Everson and Hawkes [illegible] is to be enlarged and will resume operations in the near future on a larger scale than ever before. The [illegible] formerly owned by the [illegible] Powder Company but lately acquired by the Atlas [illegible] has been idle for some months. It [illegible] enlarged and put in operation.

[illegible] small buildings on the [illegible] the plant and sufficient ground to permit further [illegible] The plant is located halfway between Scottdale and Mount Pleasant.

Howard Sargent who had charge [illegible] the plant for the [illegible] Company will remain [illegible] the Atlas concern. It is said the [illegible] to send a [illegible] and work will likely start [illegible].

REWARD IS DIVIDED

Irwin Chief Gets Most of Money for Capturing Douglas

The $700 reward for the capture of Charles Douglas the convicted murderer who with two other prisoners escaped from the Westmoreland county jail at Greensburg recently was divided among three persons.

Chief of Police [illegible] of Irwin who captured Douglas got $[illegible] Mr Edward [illegible] who [illegible] the [illegible] Duff [illegible] [illegible] was rewarded $[illegible]

WOMAN IS SHOT BY A FARM HAND; BOTH CLAIM AN ACCIDENT

Mystery Surrounds Near-Tragedy on the Ganier Farm Near Town.

MRS. W. A. GANIER THE VICTIM

Henry Everline Who Did Shooting Claimed Ganier Had Threatened Him and Sought to Have Him Arrested Say the Man Was Drunk

Mystery surrounds the shooting of Mrs William A Ganier by Henry Everline a farm hand about 1:30 o'clock last Wednesday at the Ganier farm near Coalbrook. Mrs Ganier is in a precarious condition at the Cottage State Hospital with a bullet wound in her chest and Everline is in the city lockup awaiting a hearing on the charge of felonious shooting.

Everline who is a man about 42 years of age admits the shooting but claims that it was an accident. Mrs Ganier will not discuss the affair even with members of her family except to state that it was accidental.

Everline told the police and reporters this morning that he was showing Mrs Ganier the revolver when it was discharged. Just how it happened he says he does not know.

"Mr Ganier had threatened to blow my head off with a shot gun," Everline declared, "and I got my revolver and loaded it to bluff him off. It [illegible] I don't know just how it happened to go off."

Everline was arrested about 7 o'clock last night by Constable Martin [illegible] of Connellsville township. He had not attempted to flee and was standing outside the house when the constable appeared. No revolver was found on him. He admits however that it was a .38 calibre revolver which he had secured to protect himself [illegible] that was discharged.

After the shooting Everline it is alleged went to the Workman farm a short distance away and asked to use the telephone stating that Mrs Ganier was ill and he wanted to get a doctor. Members of the family it is said became alarmed and went to the Ganier farm where they found Mrs Ganier on the floor of a room downstairs with a bullet wound in her chest.

Everline had been employed by the Ganiers since October. Just recently he had had some trouble with the family for which he was sent [illegible] yesterday with some eggs for delivery he went to Alderman [illegible] Munk's office and asked for a warrant for the arrest of Mr Ganier on a charge of threatening his life. Alderman Munk refused to issue the warrant finding that as Everline was a hired hand he should [illegible] The man said that he would leave only that some wages were due him [illegible] he said Mr Ganier would not pay him claiming that Mrs Ganier had hired him. Everline also consulted with Constable Charles Wilson but the latter declined to take up his case.

Only Mrs Ganier and Everline were on the place when the shooting occurred. Mr Ganier being employed as a [illegible] [illegible] Dunbar. He got off the [illegible] at the home of his daughter Mrs Harold Clasper on East Main street and here received word that his wife had been shot. By that time Miss Fern Ganier a daughter was on the way out to the farm with a doctor.

Mr Ganier admits that there had been some trouble between him and Everline. He claims that the man was drunk at the time of the shooting. Constable Hurt says that Everline smelled of drink when he arrested him.

Mrs Ganier is 44 years old. The family is very well known in this city.

PIGS MUST GET OUT

Health Officer Starts Crusade Against the Animal Kind

Pigs and hogs have no place within the residential confines of the city of Connellsville [illegible] was decided by ordinance when the third class city government went into effect. This ordinance has been violated however and when Health Officer George Hetzel inspected the district between Tenth and Twelfth streets on the West Side yesterday he found no less than [illegible] hogs all being raised under the most unsanitary conditions. The owners were notified to get rid of the animals at once [illegible] they must be [illegible] the city limits.

There are more pigs than these in the city limits the health officer declares but they will all have to go.

For the past few months the health officer has been so busy [illegible] all over the city putting up and tacking down [illegible] that he has had little time to devote to the other duties of his office. Now that the [illegible] reports is [illegible] he will [illegible] after a number of these bad conditions.

EDWARDS-BARRICKLOW

Quiet Home Wedding Takes Place at Vanderbilt

Miss Gladys Edwards daughter of Mr and Mrs John H Edwards of Vanderbilt and William Barricklow son of Mr and Mrs [illegible] Barricklow of Vanderbilt were quietly married Tuesday night at the home of the bride. Rev J E White pastor of the Presbyterian Church officiated.

Mr and Mrs Barricklow are among the well known young people of Vanderbilt. The bride was graduated [illegible] Dunbar township high school while [illegible] Mr and Mrs Barricklow will [illegible] Vanderbilt.

Gets Promotion

[illegible] W S [illegible] has been [illegible] [illegible] of the Uniontown Water Company [illegible] succeed [illegible] [illegible]

LIFT ANTHRAX QUARANTINE AT CONFLUENCE; MEN RECOVERING

Residents There Believe They Were Suffering from Acid Burns, Not Dread Disease

The quarantine on the home of Cyrus M Sanner of Confluence who was declared to be suffering from anthrax was lifted Thursday according to word received by Miss Helen Sanner a daughter, here this morning. Mr Sanner is now getting along well and the family as well as many Confluence folks are inclined to believe that it was not anthrax at all but another form of blood poisoning caused by some of the acids of the tannery where Mr Sanner was employed.

Hides brought to the Confluence tannery are not tanned by the old method in which bark and lime figured so prominently. Acids now are used to transform the hides into leather. Mr Sanner is said to have splashed some of this acid upon side of his face. A large sore like a malignant carbuncle developed though he did not become ill. Grover Kessler of Harnedsville another tannery worker also developed a sore of this kind and physicians diagnosed the malady as anthrax. Both homes were quarantined.

Hides which had been shipped from China were said to have caused the infection. These skins were received at the tannery in large bales having been bundled up in this form after being sun dried in the oriental countries where they were collected.

The possibility of infection from these hides is so great that it is said future shipments will be inspected more rigidly before being shipped to the tannery.

Physicians attribute Mr Sanner's recovery to the fact that he was infected through the skin that he did not inhale any of the germs. The family and others believe his recovery due to the fact that he did not have anthrax.

Mr Kessler who is less seriously infected is also recovering.

EXPOSITION PROFITABLE

Merchants Association Will Realize Between $150 and $200

While the financial statement of the recent exposition conducted by the Business & Professional Men's Association has not been prepared it is known that between $150 and $200 was cleared by the association. There are some bills yet to be paid and some accounts still to be collected before Secretary W P Schenck can determine just what the financial returns were.

The exposition was so successful that it will probably be made an annual event. Large crowds attended all of the available floor space was taken up by booths and the affair was conducted at a profit to the association so there is no reason why it should not be repeated.

CHIEF ENGINEER HERE

H R Pratt of the Western Maryland Inspecting Sites

H R Pratt chief engineer of the Western Maryland arrived in town from Baltimore Friday morning for the purpose of inspecting the various sites the railroad has under option for the purpose of establishing freight yards in this vicinity to handle the coal which will be hauled out of the Fairmont region over the Baltimore & Ohio tracks.

The railroad has property of the United Fire Brick Company at Mount Braddock, the Stevens property at Dunbar and a portion of the Herd bottom under option and it is expected that Mr Pratt will decide upon his present visit which of these will prove the most satisfactory.

AFTER OATS SMUT

County Farm Agent Visits the Connellsville Vicinity Today

Farm Agent F I Dougherty is in this section today in the interests of the oats smut campaign. This afternoon he spoke to a gathering of farmers at the home of L I Boyd in Connellsville township. Tonight he will speak to Hillsdale farmers at Wooddale.

Early in March Mr Dougherty will begin a series of orchard demonstrations in various parts of the county. He will give practical talks and demonstrate pruning and spraying.

Mr Dougherty stated that to date fully 100 farmers have promised their aid in the war against oats smut, many of whom have secured formaldin through the farm bureau.

BURGLARY ATTEMPTED

Robber Tries to Break Into the West Penn Tea Room

Robbers made an attempt to enter the West Penn Tea Room in West Main street some time Thursday night. In fear of being detected the wires of the Bell telephone in the hallway were cut. The imprints of a man were found on a chair beside the telephone.

The tea room is on the [illegible] in the rear of the [illegible] of the Turner building and the door leading to the building was unlocked. The sign over one of the doors leading to the tea room was removed and the intruders made an attempt to gain entrance through a transom.

RUNAWAYS NABBED

Somerset Youths Run Away and Are Arrested Here

Larry Morrison Fred [illegible] Elmer Nickle and Andrew Swank four Somerset boys who are said to [illegible] from home to see a bit of the world were arrested by Bill [illegible] [illegible] Myers [illegible] West street during the night. They range from 16 to 18 years in age.

The boys were placed in the city hall lockup until Captain [illegible] Ludwig of the city police could communicate with their relatives in Somerset.

Elope to Cumberland

Miss Margaret Marie Carlisle and William Henry Whittaker both of Connellsville, Miss Anna Hamas and Joseph Zahuranc both of Star Junction eloped to Cumberland yesterday.

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SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF CITY CONTROLLER HOOD

Shows Receipts $196,486; Expenditures $188,024 During 1915.

$56,351 FOR IMPROVEMENTS

And $63,100 for Payment of Debts of the Borough of Connellsville Absorb the Larger Part of the Outgo; Assets Increased, Indebtedness Decreased

The second annual report of Alex B Hood city controller shows that during the year ending December 31st 1915 the receipts of the city from all sources were $196,486.12 and expenditures for maintenance and operation of city departments, new public improvements payments of debts and all other purposes $188,024.65.

The funds available to meet the expenditures were provided from the following sources: Cash balances January 1 $24,510.92, receipts from taxes $71,251.23, pole tax $1,365.75, flushing sewers $12.80, sidewalk construction $8[illegible].28, street paving $231.70, street excavation permits $532.25, temporary loan $5,000, proceeds of bond sale $102,712.[illegible]0, mayor's office $8,321, miscellaneous $4,619.66.

The collections through the mayor's office included $1,5[illegible]4.30 for fines, $1,[illegible]77 from transient licenses and $5,489.[illegible] from license tax. The principal item of miscellaneous receipts was $4,100 from W S Craft county treasurer for the city's portion of the retail liquor license fees for the year. The receipts were distributed to the several funds as follows: To general fund $131,487.78, to sinking fund $19,693.75, improvement fund $45,301.59.

The expenditures were made by warrants drawn by the city departments as follows:

Public affairs	$ 11,056.67
Accounts and finance	63,026.70
Public safety	20,273.27
Streets and public improvements	73,674.77
Parks and public property	4,752.35
Total by warrant	$171,786.67
Sinking fund expenditures	16,238.00
Grand total	$188,024.65

In making these expenditures the general fund was drawn upon to the extent of $122,064.35, sinking fund $16,238, improvement fund $49,702.30. The expenditures were made for the following purposes:

For operation and maintenance of the city departments	$ 72,236.50
For retirement of bonds and payment of interest on bonds	16,238.00
For retirement of certificates of indebtedness and other debts of the borough of Connellsville	63,199.04
For new public improvements	56,351.11

After providing for the foregoing expenditures there remained on hand at the close of the year cash balances of $3[illegible],972.33 divided as follows: In general fund $1,877.[illegible], in sinking fund $22,515.71, in improvement fund $583.[illegible].

There was available for collection by the city at the close of the year accounts receivable to the amount of $1,819.71. The principal items were tax duplicate balances of $31,811.19 and street paving assessments amounting to $16,887.61. This latter item does not include the paving done on North and South Pittsburg street, Morrell Cottage and Murphy avenues assessments for which had not been made at the close of the year. These will approximate $40,000.

The city owed on current accounts $5,499.95 of which $2,73.63 represents the amount retained in final settlement with contractors for street improvement and to be held for a year to make good any deficiencies that may meantime develop in the work.

During the year the bonded indebtedness was increased $100,000 by the issue on July 1 of the funding and improvement bonds. Bonds to the amount of $9,500 were retired during the year leaving a total outstanding on December 31 $196,000.

The financial statement of the city shows that on December 31 its liabilities consisted of but two items: bonds outstanding $196,000 and accounts payable $5,261.78 or a total of $201,261.78. This is a net increase of $37,576.77 in liabilities compared with December 31 1914 or $33,692.24 compared with December 1 1913, and was occasioned by the new bond issue of July 1915.

The assets of the city on December 31 1915 were $84,791.91 and comprised the following items: Cash $12,972.31, tax balance $31,811.47, accounts receivable $20,008.05. Compared with December 31, 1914 assets were increased $19,936.19 and compared with December 1 1913 the increase was $37,287.36.

The net indebtedness of the city on December 1 1913 was $120,064.93. On December 31 1914 it was $98,430.29 a decrease of $21,634.70 in thirteen months. On December 31 1915 the net indebtedness was $116,469.87 an increase of $18,039.58 in the twelve months from December 31 1914 but showing a decrease of $3,595.12 during the first twenty-five months of the city form of government dating from December 1 1913.

The costs of operation itemized expenditures and other financial and statistical information covering the last fiscal year will appear in the second annual report which will shortly be issued in pamphlet form.

ALL APPEALS HEARD

County Commissioners Complete Work in 14 Days, Set Record.

The county commissioners set a new record for hearing county tax appeals this year. After a final session in the Columbia Hotel Thursday they finished up in just 14 days.

In other years it has always taken from seven to eight weeks for the commissioners to visit the various districts and hear the appeals.

W. HARRY BROWN PRESSES FIGHT FOR PITTSBURG RATES

On Coal Shipments From His Alicia Plant Near Brownsville.

ALLEGES UNJUST DISCRIMINATION

Shows That His Property Is as Close the Limit of the District as a Competitor who Enjoys the Lower Rates. A Second Hearing on the Complaint.

Coal and coke operators of Fayette county whose plants are in the Lower Connellsville district and in the Monongahela valley south of Brownsville are very much interested in the progress and eventual outcome of the appeal made to the Interstate Commerce Commission by W. Harry Brown for the extension of the Pittsburg district freight rate on coal shipments from his mine and coking plant at Alicia, a short distance above Brownsville. The complaint was filed some months ago against the Pennsylvania, Pittsburg & Lake Erie and the Monongahela railroads which serve the Alicia plant. Brief testimony was taken last December and the hearing adjourned until Monday when Special Examiner Burnside took additional testimony in Pittsburg.

In their petition the Brown interests do not ask to have the Pittsburg freight zone extended to their works; they claim their plant is already in the so-called Pittsburg district, which roughly speaking extends in all directions a distance of 40 miles from Pittsburg as a center. It is pointed out that a mine almost within a stone's throw of the Alicia properties is included in the Pittsburg freight zone, which enjoys a freight rate to western territory 15 cents a ton lower than that offered shippers in the Lower Connellsville region located below the line of the Redstone branch of the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania railroad.

The question of freight rates on coal from the Lower Connellsville district has become a decidedly important one owing to the increasing demand for Connellsville coal for by-product coke plants in the central west. Operators of these plants have opened negotiations with mine owners in the Lower Connellsville region for coal, but shippers are at a disadvantage because of freight rates being 17 cents a ton higher than those from the Pittsburg district and from the Fairmont district of West Virginia.

The decision of the commission in January extending the Pittsburg freight rate to the Hesco mine at Millsboro, Greene county, several miles further south from Brownsville than Alicia mine, but on the opposite side of the river, is taken as indicating a precedent in the present case. If the final decision be favorable to the complainant it is highly probable that Connellsville operators will institute proceedings for the further extension of the Pittsburg rate to include all parts of the Lower Connellsville district in which the members of the inactive Coke Producers' Association will doubtless act in concert.

At a hearing held on Monday the complainant testified that the property of the Alicia mine abuts on that of the Bridgeport mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company. A map was produced to show that a portion of the coal is located as near to Brownsville, the present limit of the Pittsburg freight district, as is the shaft of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, although the Alicia coal is loaded at a point a few miles farther south. Brown's competitor enjoys the advantage of the Pittsburg freight rate, which is held to be a discrimination against the complainant. Brown testified that he is losing annually the sale of 20,000 tons of coal because of the additional excessive freight rate applying to his mine.

There are several cases now before the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission involving questions of equity as well as rates, decisions on which would effect the principal points involved in the Brown case. It is believed therefore that the Pennsylvania body will possibly defer action until the Interstate Commerce Commission has rendered a decision. Otherwise there might be a conflict of authority that would complicate the situation.

Wade H. Ellis and C. B. Ellis of Washington, who represented the blast furnace owners in the fight against the ore carrying rates to Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, have been retained to handle the Brown case.

GREENE COUNTY CREDITORS

Of Thompson Dispose to Promptly Accept the Plans for Liquidation.

A meeting of the Greene county creditors of J. V. Thompson and members of the *Permanent Creditors* Committee was held in the court house at Waynesburg Saturday at which addresses were made by G. K. Scrugham, secretary, and other members. Attorneys Montgomery and Kyle and Senator D. S. Walton responded on behalf of the creditors. While no formal action was taken there were no objections offered to the plans of liquidation and the general sentiment was that the deposit of claims would be promptly made.

The Fayette Title & Trust Company of Uniontown, one of the depositaries, announced that by March 11 at least 90% of the claims will have been deposited.

Maintaining Tracks Expensive

An average of over 000,000 tons of rails are called for in this country, 75 per cent of which are of 85 lb. section or heavier. With sidings this involves an expenditure of over $100,000,000 for materials, then in addition to a large amount for the labor employed for placing them in the track.

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EXPLOSION IN WEST VA. MINE IS FATAL TO 15 MEN

Of 71 Entombed All are Rescued Alive Except Those Caught by Fall of Rock, 5 Injured.

KEMPTON, W. Va., Feb. 29.—Seventy-one men were trapped by an explosion in the mine of the Davis Coal & Coke Company near here today soon after they went to work. Two succeeded in making their way to the surface and rescuers by 10 o'clock had brought out 42. Six of whom were dead and two so badly hurt that it was feared they could not survive. Volunteers were working under the direction of trained rescue crews in an attempt to reach the others.

The mine which is located on a spur of the Western Maryland railroad has been considered one of the best and safest in the region. The working force today had just reached its places when the explosion, which seemed to have affected only a part of the workings, occurred.

Rescue crews were quickly recruited from other mines in the vicinity and under the direction of the mine foreman entered the workings. They brought out the men who had not been injured and recovered the dead not far from the main entry.

The entombed men are said to be much farther from the opening and while hopes are entertained for their safety as they have all been drilled in mine rescue work, nothing has been done to reach them with the least possible delay.

At noon today 57 of the 71 miners entombed in the Kempton mine have been accounted for. Of this number six are dead and two injured. General Superintendent E. P. Maloney is directing the work of rescue, and General Superintendent Ennis and Division Superintendent Stelner of the Western Maryland railroad are on the scene. President A. W. Calloway of Baltimore and Vice President M. B. Kirk of the Davis Coal & Coke Company are en route.

The explosion seemed to have been confined to a small section of the mine where but 11 men were at work. It was not severe and the fans never stopped. No trouble was experienced in the hoisting of the men from the mine.

KEMPTON, W. Va., March 1.—All of the miners entombed in the Kempton mine have been rescued alive except 17 which were killed by the fall of rock. Five others were more or less seriously injured.

KEMPTON, W. Va., March 1.—Federal and state officers today were investigating the explosion in mine 42 of the Davis Coal & Coke Company which yesterday cost the lives of 17 men. They were assisted by A. W. Galloway, president of the company and E. P. Maloney in charge of the mine and were particularly interested in finding out why an explosion could occur in one of the best equipped mines in the country.

The dead miners, none of whom were married, were taken to Thomas where they will be buried tomorrow. Two of the injured are said to be critical.

The question of jurisdiction as to the coroner's inquest was raised today as the shaft is in West Virginia but the section of the mine in which the men were killed is across the line in Maryland.

WESTERN MARYLAND

Options Herd Bottom and Other Land for New Yards.

Between 25 and 30 acres of land owned by the Herd heirs in what is known as Herd's Bottom have been optioned by the Western Maryland railroad at $500 an acre, according to the statement of Washington Herd of Connellsville, one of the heirs. Mr. Herd says that the option was prepared by attorneys for the railroad on Saturday and signed by the last of the heirs yesterday. The paper was forwarded to the Baltimore offices of the company last night.

"We agreed to everything that the railroad asked," said Mr. Herd, "and it's now up to the people of Connellsville to put forth every effort to secure the Western Maryland yards for this city."

All of the other land in the valley leading toward Dunbar had previously been optioned by the railroad company. Plans for a yard of 10 tracks have been drawn up but the company is hesitating as to the location. Herd Bottom is said to be favored over Mount Braddock, where land owned by the United Fire Brick Company is also under option, because the company wants direct connection with its main line. If this is possible Mount Braddock is removed from the main line of the road.

The Mount Braddock tract is under option at a price of $35,000 for about 130 acres of land, it is said.

The option on the Herd Bottom tract was arranged on Saturday by H. E. Pratt, chief engineer for the railroad.

If the Herd land is utilized for yards the West Penn will have to raise its bridge near the power plant and run it tracks several hundred yards back on the hillside.

Western Maryland engineers are already working on yard plans. They are surveying the various plots.

OCEAN FREIGHT RATES

Practically Double the Market Value of the Materials.

Some of the freight rates, rail and water, on iron and steel shipments to foreign countries are practically double the market value of the material at the maker's plant. On a consignment of special bessemer iron to Italy ocean shipping companies last week quoted a rate of $1.87 per 100 pounds or over $40 per gross ton.

Bessemer for export recently has been quoted at $22 to $23 tidewater. On a shipment of railroad track material to Russia the freight was $17 a ton. Of this $7 was for the rail haul from the mill to the Pacific coast and $10 was the ocean carrying charge.

New By-Product Plants

The H. Koppers Company has closed a contract to erect a by-product oven plant for the Camden Coke Company at Camden, N. J., to cost $600,000. Also a 110 oven by-product coke and benzol plant for the Seaboard By-Product Company at Jersey City.

COAL RATE CASE IS EXPECTED TO HANG FIRE FOR A YEAR

Railroads Agree to Permit Indefinite Delay in Commission's Action.

HEARINGS WILL BE EXTENSIVE

Faced With Necessity for Sitting Through the Vacation Month Interstate Commerce Commission Gains Important Concession from Carriers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—It became known here today that the railroads involved in the Eastern coal rate increases have notified the Interstate Commerce Commission that they would voluntarily agree to an extension of the period over which the proposed increases may be suspended by the commission pending its investigation into the matter. This will allow the commission to suspend the rates beyond the ten days and six month periods which they are permitted to do under the law.

If the railroads had not offered this voluntary willingness to permit this extension of time the hearings would have had to be hurried and it might have involved the commission sitting during the month of August which is considered as a vacation month during which period many of the commissioners take their annual rest.

While no date has yet been set for the beginning of the hearings in the [illegible] case it is expected that the carriers who will be heard first will begin their arguments some time between March 27 and April [illegible]. The latter date [illegible] present their side of the case will occupy [illegible] thirty days [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] the commission is [illegible] two months time in which [illegible] their arguments and [illegible] probably will [illegible] days. It will not be until sometime in September probably [illegible] the carriers will be [illegible] to make their rebuttal arguments.

[illegible] the situation [illegible] a decision from the commission [illegible] March 1 [illegible] In this [illegible] the vastness of the problem involved and the [illegible] of the issues are [illegible] [illegible] nothing more [illegible] [illegible] $ 000,000 [illegible] 000,000 [illegible] As [illegible] part of the [illegible] cent [illegible] association [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] in the West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and other districts affected is shipped into territory where the proposed increases would apply. It will require a considerable amount of involved figuring to learn with any degree of exactness how much money the increases would mean.

Not only the operators are to be heard by the commission when the investigation begins but a number of representatives of consumers and manufacturers and independent salt manufacturers in Michigan, [illegible] City, Mich., Chamber of Commerce also has asked to be heard.

On account of the great press of other business before the Interstate Commerce Commission Commissioner Clements himself will not be able to conduct the hearings. The examiner who will conduct them has not yet been selected as it is not known at present which man will be free from other duties at the time.

A great array of legal talent has been employed by both sides in the fight to present its case. The carriers will be represented before the commission by A. P. Burgwin of Pittsburg for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, R. Walton Moore of this city for the Norfolk & Western, R. Ainsworth Parker of Baltimore for the Baltimore & Ohio, William S. [illegible]on of Richmond for the Chesapeake & Ohio and W. A. Northcott of Louisville for the Louisville & Nashville.

For the shippers there will appear Captain S. B. Avis of Charleston, W. Va., for the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, and allied with him Francis P. Fairies of this city for the West Virginia Coal Association. Z. T. Vinson of Huntington and Mr. James for the Chesapeake & Ohio operators. James D. Francis of Huntington and Mr. James for the Kanawha Association of the Kentucky and Tennessee operators. Mr. James for the Fairmont district operators. J. Walter Ford of Baltimore and William A. Glasgow, Jr., of Philadelphia for the Pocahontas, Tug River and Thacker district. J. J. Mc[illegible] for the Pittsburg Coal Operators Association. Frank B. Lyon of this city and J. M. Johnson of Pittsburg. W. A. Larish of Chicago will represent the Michigan paper manufacturers while other Michigan consumers will be represented by E. J. Ewing of Grand Rapids and Silas H. Smith of Detroit.

Commission Is Restrained

The Lehigh Valley Railroad has been granted a temporary injunction restraining the enforcements of the Interstate Commerce Commission order prohibiting railroads from operating vessels on the Great Lakes. Hearings will be held on March 17 to decide whether the injunction granted shall be made permanent.

Breaks Into Print

The February issue of the Baltimore & Ohio Employes Magazine contains an interesting article on "Mistaken Efficiency," by S. M. Detweiler, wire chief for the company at Connellsville.

BELIEVES TWO THREATENED STRIKES WILL BE AVERTED

Washington Keenly Interested in Miners and Railroaders Disputes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The question as to whether two great threatened strikes which would work tremendous harm to the industries of the country will be averted is being watched by officials here with almost as much interest as is felt in the debate for [illegible] situation. Whatever the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] may [illegible] [illegible] assuming an optimistic attitude and express the hope that both the anthracite coal miners and the railway men will reach some basis of agreement with their employers without employing the strike method.

The officials here say [illegible] information and belief on the subject is that the country will not be subjected to a strike either in the Pennsylvania hard coal fields or on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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B. & O. EARNINGS

January's Record Exceeded Only Once in Previous History.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] history [illegible] [illegible] months [illegible] $14,400 [illegible] January were $8,[illegible] [illegible] an increase of $1,[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] first [illegible] [illegible] net returns for the month [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] higher net earnings in other years. The Baltimore & Ohio will add about $600,000 [illegible] for maintenance [illegible] [illegible] last year. The maintenance [illegible] and structure [illegible] increased $139,17 and transportation expenses were $176,274 more than for January [illegible].

ENTERS STEEL BUSINESS

Assistant Superintendent Yohe Resigns From B. & O. Service.

[illegible] February [illegible] [illegible] Yohe, assistant superintendent of the Cumberland division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has resigned. He will leave to enter a more lucrative position with a [illegible] steel manufacturing operation. His successor has not yet been appointed.

Mr. Yohe has been in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for 31 years having [illegible] in the [illegible] of a [illegible] dispatcher at Pittsburg. Mr. Yohe was popular among all the employes of the Pittsburg, Connellsville and Cumberland divisions of the railroad. He was transferred from this place to Cumberland last September.

Coal Scarcity

It is reported the general scarcity of coal for domestic purposes exists at Youngstown, O., because dealers failed to install large supplies in their yards.

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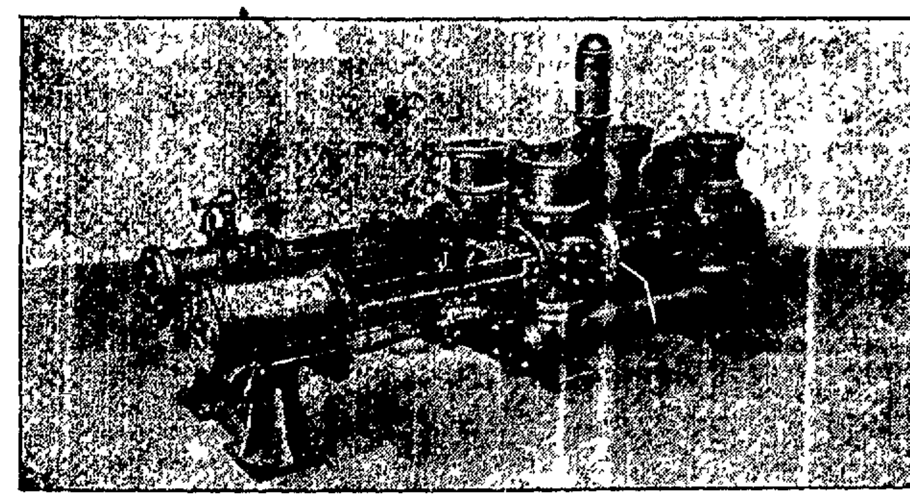

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